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THE PATH OF LOVE

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The way to Peace—this is the Path of Love.
The way to Faith, the way to God—this is the Path of Love.

WHO IS there among us, who does not desire Peace? And if there seem to be so many of us today who appear to be so completely taken up by their various pursuits in life or by a life of pleasure perhaps, in their heart of hearts there always remains the eternal desire for peace! It is only a question of time with each one of us, when the gayeties of life, when wealth and riches will appear in their real light, stripped of their glamor. Then comes the longing for peace; to each one of us; to all. And love is the one and only way to bring to us the one and only thing in life, which makes our lives full and blessed.

Love, love and love again for every living thing in this world of ours. Love for those whom we love, as well as for those whom we have counted our adversaries. Love for all of God's great, wonderful creation, love for God himself.

I have met many good and earnest souls in my life, who were doing their best to lead what they considered an upright life, full of love. They loved their friends. They were willing to make sacrifices for these friends, without thought of reward or return, and still they had not *peace.*

They loved, but they did not love well enough. For if you would have peace, peace of the heart, peace of the soul, then you must love *all* whom you meet in your daily walks of life. And your love shall go further and you

shall love all those whom you do not meet and know; all those who but live with you in this great city, in this great land, in this great world—in God's world.

Your love must reach to all and you must love all of those who even at the present moment are trying to injure you. This last seems a very great task indeed to many of us. It is the stumblingblock, where so many of us fall short of the goal, which is almost within our reach. And here some one will say, "I have forgiven ! I have tried to forget! But I cannot love this person, who is wronging me day after day! I cannot, I will not love him!"

And here is the reason why you have not found the peace in your life that you have been hungering for! The world around you may be full of sunshine, but if the sunshine is not in your heart, then there will be darkness within you. Your soul will be troubled, your heart will be full of fear—and you will not have peace. It cannot be otherwise.

"I cannot love him! I *will* not love this enemy!" To those who *will* not love I have little to say; but to those who think they cannot love the one who is wronging them, I can show the way. The path will not be as difficult as you may believe it is. In truth you will find that it will become more and more easy from day to day, and once you are firmly walking this path, you will not be likely to forsake it again.

There dwells within every living thing on this round earth of ours the everliving spark of God. If it did not dwell there, the thing which lives could not live. For life is God.

And God is good! And so is, and must be, this living spark within. And in the end it is the real self, the real life of the living thing. It is sacred. It is holy. It dwells, it lives in the green blade of grass, in the tiny flower by the wayside, in the bare trees on the silent, wintry, snow-covered hills; it lives within the wild thing of the forest, which flees the light of day; it lives within each woman and child; no matter how good or how base and low they be.

It lives. It lives today. It will live eternally. It is

immortal. It is good, it is all-good. For is it not part of God? It is God himself!

Then let this part of you, let this, your *real* self, speak after this. And let it address its voice to this part of the one who is so grievously wronging you; let it speak to this, his *real self*. And you will marvel how on the instant your bitterness seems to have vanished. You will not understand how you could have been so bitter. And you will know that there has come a wondrous change in your life now. This change is so great and so sudden that your heart will throb and weep with joy, and the anxious fear will grip your soul, that you may lose all again as suddenly as it has come into your life.

But when you ask me where within you this spark of God, this soul of your soul lives, so that you may know, then I cannot answer. Each one must search and find and know for himself.

But go out into the open, into nature, and when the trees whisper to thee, open thy heart and thou shalt know, for it is God who is speaking to thee.

Go out into the world, into the crowded streets of the city and when thou seest a face which tells of a deep secret sorrow, of a troubled heart; when thou seest an eye that brings glad tidings of heartfelt human joy and happiness, then thou shalt know, for it is God who speaks to thee.

Listen to this voice! Let it enter into your deepest inner self, where it will find open the gates to the good, to the all-good within you, the gates to your true, your real, sacred, holy self. It will reach the Christ within you. It will reach God.

And now that you will have found the Christ, will have found God within you, you must follow the voice from within. Then you cannot fail. Then you will find yourself surely and safely on the Path of Love!

It may not always be an easy task to follow the dictates from within. The human, the mortal part of ourselves will doubtless try again and again to assert itself. But do not despair. Your way is clear now and, as I have said,

after a very little while you will find that it has gradually and almost imperceptibly become more and more easy. And after another little while you will know that you will never leave the path of love again.

But you must watch yourself closely, lest you depart from your way. Did you give alms today? A good, round sum, perhaps? Yes? And how was it given? With a word of advice, into which in spite of yourself there crept a tone of superiority? Ah, then, my friend, you were not walking the path of love! Far better you had given only a warm look, a word of kindness, than this money which may bring comfort for a while, but which carries with it a sting that lasts!

Or have you given today in silence, perhaps without a word of comment, but inwardly holding the thought that this needy friend "should have known better;" that after all his misfortune was largely of his own doing, and that if you had been in his place, it would never have happened to you? My dear friend, then you were not walking the path of love!

Before you give money and help, you must give yourself! The voice of the Christ within you must speak, if you would follow the path of love.

Or have you today passed one of the many derelicts of humanity, that are filling the streets of our cities, thinking perhaps that while it is distressing to see these unfortunates all about us, still you do not see how anyone can sink so low? Do not, I beseech you, harbor such a thought! This is not love! And is it not written, "Judge not, lest ye be judged"? Do we know of the fearful temptation which this poor, seemingly lost bit of humanity had to endure? Have you and I ever faced starvation? Has dishonor ever stared us in the face? Then let us not draw back in horror from this poor, miserable human being with white hair, bent back and shaking knees, as it is stupidly mumbling to itself on the curb of the gutter! Let us not judge the fair, young, gaudily bedecked creature of the street! It is for you and me to help them, even though it be only by a look of love.

If the enemy should today attack and invade this fair land of ours, which city would be dearest to the hearts of our people after the war? Would it be the one in the interior, safe from the mouth of the giant cannon of the hostile forces? Or would it be the one which has been battered and torn by the shells hurled upon it, but which in the end was saved from the enemy?

And will it be different with this unfortunate brother of ours, who has fallen by the wayside today? Where will you and I be in the mercy of the Father, who seeth and knoweth all? You and I, who have been "safe and secure in the interior, far from the firing line"? You and I, who have never known the temptation of this unhappy brother or sister of ours?

Let us be humble. Let us pray, "And lead us not into temptation!" And let us lend a helping hand. Let us love, love and love again!

Believe me, humanity, poor erring, stumbling and falling humanity, at heart is not bad! Think of this terrible war in Europe, where men have been tearing each other to pieces for two long years and more now. When the battle is over, the good in the human heart leaps forth again and deeds are done which are wonderful, but unnoticed and unsung, because they happen every day, "right along." Men who were shooting and killing each other only a moment before, become angels of mercy. At the risk of their own lives they rescue the fallen foe from certain death. They bind his wounds, they feed and shelter and clothe him.

Here in the midst of one of the great cities of the East, there is a large store which employs thousands of young girls. They do not earn a great deal of money and much of this may perhaps be spent on frivolity or little vanities, which latter word I should much prefer. And it so happens that the newspaper vender on the corner bitterly complained to me one day that these young women were wont to "run up a week's bill for the *Evening Journal*," and after that walk home by another route!

It was and is a wrong and shameful thing to do, I

readily agree. But I have also seen these girls as they passed the crippled beggar whose legs have been cut off. Time and again I have seen these giggling, frivolous young people turn back after a moment's hesitation and give alms to this beggar! If you strongly condemn the no doubt more than questionable ethics of the former act, can you forget that these same girls here gladly give money which they sorely need themselves? When every penny counts with them? When they will surely have to deny themselves some little pleasure or comfort because of it? Ah, my friend, I tell you again, humanity is not bad at heart! The good dwells in all of us. Sometimes it is sleeping. Never is it dead. Would you help to wake it, to bring it forth, to make it bear fruit a thousand fold? Then walk the path of love!

Great shall be your reward, for you shall have peace, peace within. And more still shall you have, for *Peace* brings Faith. And when you have Faith, "all that the Father has is thine!"

. . . . . wondrous is the power of love. It was some years ago. In a Western city which lies in the shadow of the Great Mountains that span the continent from North to South.

I had been asked to call on two young married people, to try and bring peace back to a troubled home. A mutual friend had asked me to go. "It will be a last attempt," he said, "before the seemingly inevitable and final break-up comes to this once happy home. For there is a child, a small, frail and sickly little fellow of five or six, to be considered also."

Have you ever entered into a home where, the moment you crossed the threshold, something seemed to pounce upon you, pulling you here and there? Where everything else but peace seemed to dwell? This kind of a home was theirs. And it had begun so well! There was comfort, there was health, there was love. And then there had come the unhappy influence of a near relative of the young wife

between this young couple which had been joined for life, "for better, or for worse."

I listened to their story. It was the same old tale, so often told and always new. The same old story, which has broken so many lives already.

The husband told of the baneful influence of this particular member of his wife's family. This person interfered with his home life in every way possible, day in, day out.

The young woman readily admitted this influence. "But what can I do?" she cried with tears in her eyes. "I am between two fires!" And so it was, for there were, and there often are in a case like this, other and weighty considerations.

That these two unhappy young people dearly loved each other in spite of all that had happened between them, was plain to me. But what was to be done? They both asked me this question in a hopeless, helpless way.

I began in a general way. Just about as I have spoken in this brief article. But when I came to the point where I asked the man if he could send to this person who had brought him so much pain, thoughts of love, he sprang from his chair and cried passionately, "Love! You ask me to love one who has broken my life in a ruthless way, who has broken my faith in all that is good! There are times when I sit quietly in my office and when suddenly the whole room is filled with hate! It grips me, grips me, until I rave and . . . . . !"

I stopped him and told him that right here lay the whole trouble. For thoughts, be they good or evil, are a very tangible thing. I told him how I myself had been affected the moment I entered their home. And when I had said this, a sudden deathly pallor crept into the young mother's face. She pressed her hand upon her heart, as if some great, unknown fear had this moment come over her. I saw her eye, and I knew that I should win the day!

Silently, as if in a troubled dream, she stole out of the room and went into the adjoining chamber, where her child lay sleeping. I motioned to the husband who had looked

on in astonishment, and after a minute we followed her.

We found her peering anxiously into the small, innocent face of the sleeping baby, a face so pale and still and full of suffering that it made my heart ache. The husband quickly joined her and, was it her pitiful look of anguish and self-reproach, was it the white, quivering lips which opened, but never made a sound—this man knew the truth this instant! This strong, self-reliant young fellow trembled like a leaf, and two hands, which had been kept apart for many, many and long, long, weary months found each other once more. But not a word was said until we all had softly left the room.

Then I began. The doctors had given little hope for the child. They talked of a weak heart and intestinal trouble. They talked of an operation.

But I talked of love, of the Christ-love. I told how it was inevitable that hate, passion, thoughts of evil in this home must have a fearful, pernicious influence on the health and life and soul of a delicate young human being. And in the end I said, "The question, what and who is responsible for this unhappy child's condition, I leave to both of you to answer. But I will show you the way, how you can make him well and strong without the men of medicine and without an operation. Remember, a thought *is!* It *is*, for good, for evil! And if you would save this child's life, then you must learn to love! You must fill this home with thoughts of love, not only for those who are dear to you, but also for those who are wronging you today!"

The young woman lay on the man's breast, crying softly. And the man was gently stroking the blonde head of his helpmate, found anew and beloved as never before, speaking already strong words of love and comfort. My mission was ended.

For I knew this man would win this hardest battle of his life, the battle with himself. Love had done it. Love for his child had brought the love of the Christ, had brought universal love to this home. The child is well and strong today. The parents are happy, as they probably never

would have been without their former unhappy experience. They have *peace*. And in their strong, blessed peace there rests today also the one, who came so near to wrecking their life and home. And love, love has done it all!

Does this seem like an exceptional case to you? Have you a trouble of your own, which day by day, for many years now has been sapping your strength and ruining your life? Have you a secret trouble like this, which you have been so anxiously hiding from the world? Or is it perhaps an employer who is hard, unjust, at times even brutal? And would you have help? I will give you an armor that he shall not pierce! Would you bring him to his knees before you? I will give you the weapon to do it!

Love, my dear friend, love! Bring to him, send to him thoughts of love!

Does this seem so very hard to do? Is it impossible to you? As I have said, it will not be so, when you go about it in the right way. Let the Christ within you speak to the Christ within him! That is all. Do not trouble before about what you are going to say. The Christ will guide you. Your words will breathe the good. They will be of the all-good.

When you do this, even for the first time, you will wonder how it was that the mortal part of this man has ever been able to influence and affect you in the way it has done these many years. It will all appear to you as nothing from now on. Where you have so far felt dislike and worse, you will now have sincere compassion.

And believe me, this man of iron, who has been what the world calls "successful," even though it be at the cost of his fellow-man, is to be pitied. For after all is said and done, there is no happiness in this world of ours, except it possess *peace*, *peace* of the heart, *peace* of the soul. Is it possible that a man can have peace when his life has been built upon the wrong foundation? Is it not written, "For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul"?

And believe me also, that in the end each one of us

craveth love. This does not only include your tormentor, but it applies to him more than to all others. In his still hours, when the hustle and hurry of the day is over, there will be the same old tapping at the gate of the inner citadel, which you and I, which millions before us have experienced, which unborn millions after us will know. It is the craving for love!

Try and see whether I am right. The very next time the tyrant attacks you, quiet the human, the mortal part of yourself, which is again wincing under the sting of this new injustice. Let the immortal, let the Christ within you speak. It will send out love, selfless, sacred love. It cannot be otherwise. This love will penetrate the sham of the other's mortal side. And it will go farther. It will reach the citadel. It will pass the gates unchallenged. And it will find a place all prepared for it within!

Do you doubt this? I say, try and see! I promise you that you will see things you have not dreamt of before. Your erstwhile tormentor will not know what is coming over him. He will be as surprised, as you are apt to be yourself. He will look at you, a deep, deep question in his eye. His tone will change, his manner alter, and in spite of himself, he will vaguely feel and resent his sudden helplessness. For a time he may struggle, for the mortal part of him will not give in so easily, will not give up its mastery, which, sham though it was, has been such a satisfaction in the past. But to his knees you will bring your new-found friend, if you will only persevere!

Try on the armor which has been within your reach all these years! Use the weapon which God has given you. Use it often. Use it incessantly, and the more you use it the stronger you shall be for it!

Have you ever met the gentle woman, quiet of mien, gentle in speech, whom you are so glad to meet that you find it difficult to restrain yourself and not tell her, against all polite usage in society, that you are better for having known her? Have you met the gentle man, who so quiet, so natural, so gentle, still seemed the leader among leaders?

The strong among the strong? Would you be like these two? Would you know their secret, the secret of their strength? It is love!

Not long ago a company of men and women had met at the home of a friend to celebrate an anniversary. There was the festive table, there was music, there were beautiful flowers in profusion. But in spite of everything a cloud seemed to hover over all. Everyone appeared restrained, formal and distant. And everyone suffered, for they dearly loved her whose day of honor it was.

Then there arrived at last, a belated guest. And with his coming things changed. The unhappy cloud disappeared. In place of formality, there was a hearty response from all. And in the end everyone wondered why it should have been so different in the beginning. No one seemed to know just when matters had changed. And certainly no one knew just how or why. Would you know? Then listen.

It was love. Of this last and belated guest perhaps not half the company could today answer the question—was he old, was he young, was he fair, was he dark? But in one thing they would all agree, they were fond of him. And this was his secret. This was his strength. He brought love to them. Love in a wholly selfless, but a very practical way. He did not trouble about the words or the way. The Christ within him took care of all this. As he sat there quietly among this chilled and uncomfortable company, he sent his silent messengers in all directions.

To the hostess, who found it so difficult to conceal her unhappiness, he sent the thought, "Be still! Do not worry. Things will change. All will be well!"

To the elderly man of business at the end of the table, who looked as if some secret trouble were pursuing him even here, he said silently, "Do not worry about this! Thou foolish man, doest thou not know, that God takes care of us all, if we will only trust him? Trust him! Leave it all in his hands and I promise that all will be well!"

To the little woman a few seats from him, whose dear,

sweet face spoke of her great disappointment in life, he said, "Learn to trust again! It was all for your best, whatever God in his wisdom has sent to you. See, here am I, a stranger, a frail human being, whose heart goes out to you, who wants your best, nothing but your good! Do you think that God, who is all-loving, could do less? Have faith! Be still! And love, love!"

And so to all about him he sent thoughts of peace and comfort, of freedom from care, of health—of love! It was selfless love, given without hope of reward and return.

I hear some one say, "Yes, this is all very beautiful, but I cannot see in which way this love could reach their souls, their heart of hearts!" Neither can I tell you in which way it did this. I can only tell you that it did in this case, and that it does and will do in every other case. Try and see for yourself!

If you are not satisfied with this answer, then I in turn will ask you a few questions; if you can answer any one of these, I shall willingly retract all I have said here, even though it be the result of a lifelong faithful seeking and searching.

What, I ask, is it, that makes the blade of grass grow? What is life? What is time? And what is space? What is infinity? Can you grasp it, that there was no beginning, that there will be no end? That it always was and that it always will be? Can you grasp it, that it will take forty million years at the rate of one mile each and every minute, before we can reach the *nearest* star in the heavens? Can you grasp it, that this is the *nearest* star? That there are visible to the human eye untold millions behind this first star at distances thousands upon thousands of times greater? Can you grasp it, that behind this visible universe there are more millions of great worlds, unseen by us, which all travel their appointed way, guided by the same strong, loving hand, that guides your life and my life and all of us?

Can you tell me? No? Do you say that these things are not for us to know? Then do not question what I have told you of love and its all-conquering power, for it is love

and love alone, which rules this world, the whole universe, your life and my life; it is love, which does all; it is love, which *is* all!

. . . . . do not despair, if you find, that the path of love at times is not walked as easily as you would wish to have it. The mortal of us will not give way at once. Nor will it always remain quiet, once that we have subdued it. It may try and assert itself again and again. Do not despair, for it is well, that it should be so, for only in this way will we become more perfect.

There are certain rules, which we should observe, however, and which will make our path more easy and help us on the way. You have been told to beware of the spoken word, to let it be hopeful and helpful. I tell you to beware of the thoughts you harbor. Do not permit a harmful thought to enter, do not give it room. Above all, do not, even mentally, criticise your fellow-man. See the good, see the Christ in him, and all desire of fault-finding will pass on the instant.

Do not trouble about studying many books. Read a few pages of your favorite in the morning, for this will prove a strong help during the day. Once you are on the path of love, you will need no one for help. You are one with God. And it is love which has made you one.

With this new-found strength you can face the world and be the victor everywhere. But use your power, use it freely!

Go out into the crowded streets of the city and watch the people as they hurry along. There is hardly an eye which is not preoccupied or which does not seem anxious and troubled. Rarely will you see a face which is bright and speaks of sunshine. Do you know what troubles these thousands of men and women? Do you know what it is that they need to make their lives full with the joy of living? It is love!

Then let us go out into these same crowded streets and fill our hearts with love. And let us give again and again of this, our priceless treasure. Let us do acts of kind-

ness wherever we can. Let us send out thoughts of love to everyone we meet! To the poor, to the rich, to the young, to the old!

Are you one of these timid souls who dread going out into this busy world? Has your unhappy self-consciousness caused you many a pang of the heart? And would you overcome your fear of the multitude? Would you have it so that it shall after this become a pleasure, nay a joy, to meet the thousands, friends and strangers alike? Then fill your heart with love and send out thoughts of selfless love, as you will meet them. And I promise you that you will be free and happy from this moment on!

Have you made a mistake some time in your past life and do you reproach yourself with having done this great wrong, which to undo, you feel you would give all you possess today? Has this thought oppressed you for years past, and have you felt it as a fearful burden embittering your whole life? And would you have forgiveness and peace once more? My poor, dear friend, love, love, love with the love of the Christ, all that is! And the answer to your long-felt anxious question, to your heartfelt prayer will well up in your heart with a warm, glorious glow, that you cannot mistake. You will not only know that you have been forgiven, but joy and peace shall be yours again. For God is love, and your love has brought God and the all-good to you.

Are you lonely? Have you been deceived by the one you trusted most? Would you have your heart full with sunshine once more? Would you have greater joy than ever before? Then walk the path of love!

Are you one of the disappointed ones who have spent their life in restless work? Have you at last retired from your busy life, to lead a life of quiet and rest, only to find that things are so very different from what you had hoped and planned? Are the days empty, the nights long, so long, that you have begun to dread them? And would you have the *peace* which you have been working, slaving, craving for your whole life long? Then walk the path of love!

Are you disappointed? Is your material condition your grave concern? Do you fear the future? Are you losing hope? Are you in ill health? Do you find yourself losing faith? My dear friends, walk the path of love and all you desire, nay more than this shall be given unto you!

Those who have loved you before will now love you with a better love. Those who have not been among your friends will bring you what you have brought to them in a wholly selfless way—love.

You shall have *peace, peace* of the heart and *peace* of the soul.

And on this day a new Faith will have been born within you. A new, strong Faith in mankind and in yourself. And an *absolute* and *unconditional* Faith in God, a Faith which *cannot* be shaken! You will find yourself trusting and resting safely in the Father's Great Love and "all that the Father has will be thine!"

Let us walk the Path of Love!

TRUE NOBILITY

What is noble? 'Tis the finer portion of the mind and heart,
Linked to something still diviner than mere language can impart;
Ever prompting, ever seeing some improvement yet to plan
To uplift our fellow being, and like man to feel for man.

What is noble? That which places truth in its enfranchised will,
Leaving steps like angel traces that mankind may follow still!
Even though scorn's malignant glances prove him poorest of his clan,
He's the noble who advances freedom and the cause of man!

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.—*Solomon.*

"The smallest pebble in the well of truth has its peculiar meaning, and will stand when men's best monuments have passed away."

SPIRITUAL RACE CONSCIOUSNESS

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THE WORLD is no longer on the eve of a great spiritual awakening, but is standing tiptoe at the dawn of the new day, when Truth shall shine with such a radiant light as to blot out forever the reign of error. Clear-seeing minds discern the innumerable adjustments now made in governments, theologies and the world of affairs, to be but the preparation necessary to receive the new Ideal. Like a spring, which must have both an inlet and an outlet in order that the purity of its waters be preserved, the consciousness of the race, that delighted in its revelry of sense, is letting go of its false and time-worn customs and traditions, and making room for the inflow of fresher, purer and more wholesome ideas.

Truth is the "leaven" at work in the hearts of mankind leavening the whole race. Truth, in the form of Christ, is preaching again the good news which Jesus presented to the race over two thousand years ago. Christ is not a person, but a principle, always seeking expression in the hearts of the children of God, which in reality the children of men are.

Throughout the ages, here and there, individuals have been Christed because they had become receptive enough, through continual purification, to receive the fullness of God. Jesus of Nazareth stands as peer among these Christed men. He came to establish no political kingdom, no material method of coping with the effect of erroneous thought, commonly referred to as sickness and disease; no intellectual laboratory through which the truths of God should pass and be made to fit the demands of a selfish populace, no artistic means of glossing over and making beautiful that worst enemy of mankind, death, which is the final culmination of sin, and the last enemy to be overcome. Jesus came to wipe out of human consciousness the belief in the power and reality of sin and its effect. Fresh from

the Heart of Love, he came understanding the relation between God and man, and in his fearless, free recognition of Spirit as the only power, he proclaimed the supremacy of Divine Law, which when understood and applied to every act of living, will transform suffering men into radiant beings and usher in the only real kingdom of perfect citizenship, the Kingdom of Heaven.

Jesus showed the way into this kingdom by *being* the way, making himself the demonstrator of the Christ, which is to lead all men out of the darkness of material and selfish consciousness, when they too claim their inheritance and demonstrate their divinity. Jesus taught the law of love as a means to abundant, eternal life. This is the law which is seeking perfect expression at this time, however contrary the appearance may be. The world was never so hungry for real issues as it is today. When Jesus delivered his message he was like a lone star shining in the night of ignorance and bigotry. Now humanity expects new philosophies and follows leaders who have a vital message, until they prove for themselves its worth. However, the verdict of the crowd is not always a reliable one, but it shows the desire of men to grow and press forward.

People once aroused to new ways of thinking never settle back into the old. A seed once sown in the mental soil of the universe is bound to produce a harvest. Every thought is a seed which takes root in Universal Substance and brings forth after its kind. Upon the thinkers of Truth rests the responsibility of sowing the spiritual seed, which is awakening and redeeming the mortal race consciousness from its dream in conditions less than the Divine Ideal. Every man is really desiring to bring forth the Divine Ideal or Higher Self, though he be unconscious of it. He longs for the freedom to think, to speak, to act according to his own will. With high hopes he sets out on life's journey expecting to "make good." But entangled in the web of personal, selfish thinking, and influenced by the thoughts of the race, he takes the wrong direction and becomes lost in a maze of thought wanderings, for it is his attitude of mind that steers

his course. Man has been given dominion over all that is in the earth, but it is well to realize that this power to rule was given to God's man, created in his "image and likeness." How necessary then that we come into the realization of our real nature as sons, and declare as untrue all limitations in the realm of effects, knowing that according to our thought and word so shall it be. Man's natural heritage is the good, and he has a right to enjoy its fruits.

In an understanding of his Real Self, man would express in harmonious order all the qualities of the God-self. But through ages of ignorance and selfishness, he has misused his God-given capacities until this power within takes the form of destructive forces instead of constructive ones. The hearts of men are awaiting an understanding of how to use aright the power that makes perfection possible. Teachers of the past, as well as the present, who use as their foundation premise, "Thou shalt not," have only strengthened the idea of sin. This procedure of thinking has built up the hard conditions in the world, known as the mortal race consciousness. Man must change his base of thought, using as his premise the Truth of his real nature, and work from the within outward. "A house divided against itself cannot stand."

Man living in the personal, seeking selfish expression, must come to naught. What is true of the individual is true of a race, and so now, as always, when new revelations are made to man and a new era of consciousness ushered in, error seems piled mountain high in a last effort to assert its supremacy. But wise students of Truth, true to the inspiration of the Almighty Spirit within, answer this Pharisaical voice with the same force that Truth uttered centuries ago when it exclaimed, "Which of you convinceth me of sin!"

The perfected spiritual race consciousness is to be an entirely new one, and will contain in itself the fulfillment of all that is holy and true. It is not the mission of Love to destroy, but to fulfill. Those things that man in personal consciousness has treasured will become doubly valuable to him because of his understanding of their reality. Those

forces which have, through his ignorance, been his pitfalls, will become his obedient servants to bless and multiply and replenish his earth (body and affairs) with all that is for his highest good. No man liveth unto himself alone, and what blesses and prospers one, blesses and prospers every receptive heart. All in consciousness that retards man's growth must be transmuted into its real nature, must be thrown into the furnace for purification. None of the baser thoughts or desires can be carried over. More than that, none of the *relative* good and desirable conditions of mankind can enter the spiritual consciousness. Only that which is eternally true and permanently abiding as a reality, always applicable to the Divine Idea Man, will be admitted into this new kingdom. Man's real nature is spiritual, and all his thoughts and desires must be in keeping with his divine heritage. There is but one goal for man, the attainment of eternal life, which embodies the unification of his Spirit, soul and body in the Christ Mind. This is the Divine Ideal toward which humanity is ever moving.

We are not to be hirelings in this new kingdom, but shepherds, having every sheep (thought) trained to answer to the voice and follow the leading of Christ. Christ is the "door." "He that entereth not by the door, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." The thief cometh "but for to steal, and kill and destroy," but the Christ comes that we "might have life and have it more abundantly." "There shall be one fold and one shepherd" in the perfected spiritual race consciousness. This is not a blissful state to be realized ages hence, but is a state of consciousness now being formed in our midst. Every earnest seeker of Truth, who steps out from the false cycle of thoughts and fearlessly, freely and sacredly consecrates himself to the One Shepherd is eligible to citizenship in the One Fold. Upon cooperation with the Spirit of Truth depends the individual's redemption from the bondage of the lesser self.

Jesus proved the supremacy of the God-man over every limitation and set at naught every science having for

its foundation principles less than those contained in the Science of *Being*. He assured his followers that they should do greater works, and according to the Aquarian Gospel, he reiterated again and again, "What I have done all men can do, and what I am all men shall be."

The world was formed for no other purpose than that the kingdom of God might be expressed in it, and not for the upbuilding of personal man with his various pursuits and pleasures. Just as we plant a grain of wheat in the ground and expect the perfect harvest, so Divine Mind imaged its ideals in Mind-Substance and expects a perfect expression of its spiritual seed. Flesh and blood are false growths in mortal consciousness and do not inherit the kingdom. Jesus emphasized this point in his reasoning concerning the new wine skins. The new wine of life, which is liberated through establishing in consciousness the Truths of Being, must have a corresponding abode in both the individual and race consciousness. The spiritualized body and the spiritual race consciousness symbolize the "new skins." If man is to enter the kingdom of God, he must relinquish all claims to the kingdom of man; he must become as a "little child," and be willing to accept in perfect simplicity, faith and confidence the counsel of his Father, who can certainly be trusted to lead his children aright.

Jesus did not hesitate to declare himself one with the Father. He is our exemplar. The Christ consciousness is the supreme attainment and embodies pure *Being*. It is beyond knowing. It is not striving *to be*, but realizes *we are*, in mind, idea and manifestation, the Sons of God. There is only God and his image, through which God presses into visibility. We must accept the responsibility of the new consciousness and act the part. The redemption of the whole earth is included in this responsibility. The good news is to be preached to "every creature."

Man has ignorantly thought that his return to God was to be accomplished through successive deaths and births, but we know that the whole world awaits the redemption of the body. No one really believes the effect of the "wages of

sin" to be the open door to Paradise. Man's return to God is a matter of consciousness to be attained here and now. His passing from "glory unto glory" depends upon his receptivity to the Truths of Being and his demonstration of these Truths. Man must prove his divinity in the midst of humanity even as Jesus did.

The law of Love is perfect and "God is Love." In the light of this new day, the mystery of Paul's words, "Christ *in you*, the hope of glory," is being revealed. This Christ is being manifested today and is seeking expression in all mankind. "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if *any man hear* my voice and *open* the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, *let him hear*."

The difference between individuality and personality is the difference between the universal and the particular; the abstract and the relative; that which is all, and that which is a part; that which comprehends itself as the source of all thought, and the separate thinker. Personality affirms possession and separation, while individuality knows that all things belong to the universal, and that there can be neither apartness nor separation. Personality discerns differences, while individuality sees similarities. We all have these two states of consciousness—the Christ in us is the individual, and the Jesus is the personal. In the resurrection the personal loses the sense of separation and is merged in the universal. This is a complete demonstration of the statement of Jesus, "I and my Father are one."

No man can hinder our private addresses to God; every man can build a chapel in his breast, himself the priest, his heart the sacrifice.—*Jeremy Taylor* (1613-1667 A. D.)

Let man hold to his purpose as with the tug of gravitation.—*Emerson.*

A PRESENTMENT

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THERE is nothing but the Creator and the created, and this is the only fact and the only fundamental one it is possible to be sure of. Reason tells us there cannot be two creators, for one must always be greater than the other; one must always antedate the other, since there must always be one before there can be two. All beginnings must be with the unit, therefore the Lord our God is One God, and that being established as a fixed fact beyond argument and beyond doubt, the question immediately presents itself: What can one know of the Creator and his intentions in creating us?

The human soul must have come forth from God, since there was nothing else for it to have come from, and it could not therefore contain anything which was not like God since it could not originate anything. A stream cannot rise higher than its source; the created cannot do more than the Creator. But right here the problem of evil before which every soul pauses, confronts us, and this pause is the fatal step which involves one in an endless maze of argument.

Evil is the opposite to Infinite Good, for as long as we recognize anything, we must admit the possibility of its opposite. The positive must have a negative, but Good, or God, does not need to *manifest* or realize evil. He never creates it, for Creation is only manifestation, and while evil is let alone, untouched, unmanifest, it *is* not. So to God there is no such thing as evil. He is of too pure eyes to behold iniquity. He is sufficient unto himself.

Why has man and man alone touched this unholy thing? If he was created out of the Father with all the instincts of his Creator, pure and loving, why? He could not have been sinful in the beginning, for there was no original sin. He had not "fallen," but he must have looked

away from the Creator to the creature, and thus opened up the conditions for this seeming something which is *not* God. When the poison was once introduced, it is easy to see how it was handed down and became the fatal inheritance of the race, and how the soul pure and ethereal at first, has become more and more dense until it has resulted in the bodies we see.

Probably the souls of humanity gradually fell through sheer force of selfishness and materialism into mere animalhood, and from that through the mineral and vegetable kingdoms into the undifferentiated condition of the gaseous period, there to await the moment when God should breathe upon the waters and separate the darkness from the light.

At the time spoken of in Genesis, man had already emerged from the evolutionary processes which preceded his advance in what we call our earth, and was already possessed of his human soul developed by the law of growth and vivified by the breath of God, possessed of conscience, the latent memory of the soul, and ready to redeem himself from his past errors and ignorance. The penalty man had to pay for these was a heavy one. His Divine Guide, the God with whom he was One, had become so obscured by all his past life as animal, vegetable and mineral, that it could not be clearly discerned, and so man left to his own resources has had to learn through suffering and unspeakable misery the lessons of humanity. As the ages rolled by and one man became worthy of it, the mists rolled away and he could say understandingly, "I and my Father are One." Then with this comprehension of man's divinity, the race was saved and all creation was raised. No wonder the stars sang together for glory!

One individual containing within himself all the elements of creation, gave the keynote to the world, and preached the gospel of salvation here and now. Henceforth all men were made partakers in that freedom from the old thralldom.

If we ask what we believe about the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth, is it not enough that he became the Christ

through various experiences, and the same law of suffering and development that each one must pass through. But when he came to the consciousness of his inalienable oneness with God, he voluntarily returned to occupy a human body and to suffer with us in order that he might point out the way, the simplest and most direct way by which each human being might attain to everlasting bliss. He was indeed the "Captain of our Salvation," the first fruits of God's love.

It seems possible that we have all passed through many lives, and that when the moment comes that the Light breaks through this crust of materialism and separate personality, the moment when the new birth takes place, man begins to recover the memory of his soul—the knowledge and instincts with which he was created—the Christ, the divine part of him, or we may better say the divine whole, begins to enlighten him. Then when regeneration has taken place and he finds himself awakened from the nightmare of his long journey through the universe, who can ever describe his feelings since he is man—God, and he knows at last that there is but One who is All *in All;* that there is only Good, for he has tested its opposite, evil, and finds it nothing. Finally he knows that man has become God, because God has become man, and the end of creation has been accomplished: that God may be made manifest in the flesh.

How much trouble he avoids who does not look to see what his neighbor says, does or thinks, but only to what he does himself, that it may be just and pure; or as Agathon says, "Look not around at the depraved morals of others, but run straight along the line without deviating from it.—*Marcus Aurelius.*

There is a musick wherever there is a harmony, order or proportion; and thus we may maintain "the musick of the sphere;" for those well-ordered motions and regular paces, though they give no sound unto the ear, yet to the understanding they strike a note most full of harmony.—*Sir Thomas Browne.*

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THE SINGLE EYE

"The lamp of the body is the eye; if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light."—Matthew 6:22.

HAS THIS a practical application to the individual consciousness, and if so, how is it to be realized? It is not the theory of anything that commands our attention, but its demonstration. Is failing eyesight the result of mental darkness? We know that the organs of the body are made up of an aggregation of thoughts—thoughts of like character grouping themselves about a central idea. The central idea of the eye is light, which is identical with understanding. When one catches a new concept he affirms, "I see, I see," as an assurance that he understands. The body then is not material, but is Mind, and every thought that we think finds its localizing center and brings to the body expression a greater or lesser degree of harmony. To have perfect physical sight, we must have spiritual perception, seeing only the Divine or Absolute Good. This is possible of attainment, else Jesus would not have made this requirement the basic principle of the body of light. He was not given to idle words. We all desire the "single eye." What we can conceive as desirable, that we can accomplish.

Let us understand the application of the eye in consciousness. First, the eye functions on the objective plane of consciousness, and we term it the window of the soul, the camera of the mind. It is this eye which registers the impressions of all our seeing. It is involved in effects only. Second, the *I*, or personal consciousness of man, comprises the different phases of mentality that touch the world of externals, also the realm of soul within. This I governs self-consciousness, and it is in this consciousness that the "evil eye" had its origin. This is the I which partook of the tree of the "knowledge of good and evil," thinking by so doing to become as God, having all wisdom. It is very evident that when man first beheld evil, or rather failed to

behold Good, he deflected some of the rays of light, thus building up a consciousness adverse to the Light. As a result of man's separation from Divine Will, he began to wander in gross darkness, and through giving his thought to the personal I, he brought into manifestation the realm of materiality with its limitations.

Man continued in darkness until the advent of Jesus Christ, who came proclaiming man to be the "light of the world," thus lifting him out of the darkness of his ignorant thinking. Jesus Christ symbolizes the Light of *I Am* which is in every man. The *I Am* is the spiritual eye, that which perceives pure Spirit, and through which the "body of light" comes into expression. We call Faith the spiritual eye, and so it seems to the outer man, for through Faith we begin the establishing of our spiritual consciousness. But in Pure Being the *I Am* is the inseparable Son (Sun) of God through which the Father radiates his glory.

When we come into the consciousness of the Light of Truth, we seek no further knowledge of evil, for Truth is not concerned with untruth. We abandon also the activity of the I and cease our seeking for self. Our one mission is to let our Light shine that men may see our good works, and glorify the Good. Man, the *I Am*, is but the avenue through which the Father shines, and our shining depends upon our capacity and willingness to let God express through us. I am responsible for my own Light, and it is not only my mission but my obligation, to let my light shine *before men.*

Why undervalue this light which is God in us? It has a place in the Divine Whole, and its non-expression leaves somewhere a bank of darkness untouched by the light. This darkness may be in the hearts of our next door neighbor, our own immediate family, or in many out-of-the-way places, all of which are awaiting hungrily, though they know it not, for the first faint beam of Light which is to dissipate the darkness of their vision. As we walk in the Light every activity of living becomes but an opportunity to demonstrate Truth. Good works become our natural ex-

pression. "He that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been *wrought in God.*"

"I can of mine own self do nothing," is the conclusion of each of us when we come to know God to be the Source of all. This is the first realization necessary in seeing with the "single eye." Knowing that it is the Father who "doeth the works," gives us faith in overcoming adverse conditions, and establishes us in the consciousness of power and dominion. If we even admit the possibility of failure to accomplish *anything*, we are apt to experience failure in our most cherished undertakings. As long as a thought is alive in consciousness it is reproducing in some degree. There is no inactivity in the realm of Mind.

It is through the *I Am* we attach ourselves to conditions, desirable or otherwise. If you are in the habit of attaching *I Am* to weak, sickly or impoverished words, face about and begin the practice of the "single eye" (thinking good). Discord of any kind is only a bad habit established through wrong thinking. On the other hand, if it is health you need to realize and manifest, keep your eye single to the idea of health, absolutely refusing to think (see) anything less than the Perfect Health Idea. Declare always in word and thought for that which is for your highest good. In so doing you are laying stone upon stone, the foundation for the "body of light" in which there can be only health, youth, life and perpetual growth. To realize Light, we must *mentally* turn from the shadow.

No matter what the clamor about you may be, silently declare: "I see only the good; I hear only the good." We are not obliged to join in conversations that dwell upon the dark side of living. Take the position in such cases that the soul is seeking light—and shine. Audible denial of error is more courteous than sympathetic interest.

That centering one's thoughts on the Divine, exalting in consciousness the good, does vitally affect the eyes, has been proven many times by the writer. As a child I was subject to spells of blindness, coming, as I now believe, from sub-

conscious thought activity. As I grew to womanhood they disappeared. But upon coming into a consciousness of Truth, and entering into the redemption of the subconscious realm of mind, I must have trampled, with a thought, upon the sleeping demon, for he awoke expecting, no doubt, to again take up dominion. Then it was that I realized the practical application of mentally seeing the good, and holding that the Light of Spirit is the only consciousness, having it in no darkness at all. Once as I sat in darkness, calmly consecrating myself to Divine Mind and its ideas, renouncing all ideas less than Good, making no reference whatever to the idea of Light in a specific way, I was suddenly ushered into such a dazzling light, so much more brilliant than ordinary sunlight, as to make the comparison a crude one. In the exaltation of the moment I understood more clearly the Revelator's vision of the Holy City, in which the glory of God is the only light needed, for the light which actually penetrated, not only my eyes but my whole body, would illumine the whole consciousness if allowed free expression.

It is not that we do not desire this "body of light," that we do not have it, but that we have not yet learned how to bring it into expression under Divine Law. But if we can believe that Jesus meant just what he said about "keeping the eye single," and begin the earnest application of this principle, it is a logical conclusion that the glorified body will be the result. Every thought that passes through the conscious mind finds a resting place in the realm of subconscious activities, and brings forth in the body a harvest corresponding to the character of the thought. We have the power to discriminate and say just what kind of thoughts shall pass into the body consciousness. Our body is our own immediate vicinity in which we are to preach the gospel, heal the sick and cast out demons. When we recognize the body to be in reality the manifestation of the Divine Body Idea, we are desirous of bringing into expression this pure spiritual substance. The body will become the "temple of God" when we begin to stamp it with that idea and for-

sake all ideas pertaining to gross, material consciousness. Conscious activity in the outer and mental realization then will harmonize in the bringing forth of the "body of light." Man is restored to his original power and dominion, not through exercising the I, but through expressing the *I Am*, which is in reality Jehovah God cooperating with Divine Principle to bring forth the perfect man.—*I. M. M.*

SPIRITUALITY: OR PRAYER AND PRAISE

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The frequency of the number twelve in the Scriptures is not accidental. The esoteric interpretation is as follows: In many cases there is a resemblance to the twelve powers in man which are as yet undeveloped. These faculties are really so many principalities over which we were made to rule according to Divine Law. Twelve is a perfect number and the Son of Man, our Higher Self, is also perfect. These twelve powers are expressed as centers of consciousness through which we manifest the divine attributes, because we are spiritual.

Man, who has become the master of his thoughts shall sit on a throne, judging the twelve tribes of Israel, that is, he can take dominion over his body if he consecrates himself completely throughout the building centers in the body, purifying the temple to insure perfection. The overcomer is the *I Am* or the Christ within, the real Self of man. The throne is in the secret place of the Most High, where our thoughts are lifted up above appearances and into the realm of the Absolute, the Christ consciousness of Sonship. The twelve tribes are the twelve thought centers: Faith, Discrimination, Love, Strength, Power, Imagination, Understanding, Will, Order, Elimination, Zeal, Life.

The redeemed sons of God, the glorified in body and spirit, are bought with a price, and that price is the crucifixion of the personality, the death of self. Having put

away that within which is the source of all discord, they have found the universal Music, the abiding joy. Life is more than motion, it is music; more than rest, it is peace; more than work, it is duty; more than labor, it is love; more than enjoyment, it is blessedness; more than acquiring money and position and reputation, it is knowledge, purpose, strong and high resolve. Not by caprice, nor gift, nor favor does a man obtain the spiritual realities, but by diligence, watchfulness, energy and effort. The spiritual Heart of man, the Divine Center, is the Heart of the universe, and, finding that Heart, man finds strength to accomplish all things.

We can develop a new state of consciousness by denying error and making holy affirmations; awakening to the responsibilities of twelve brains, we thus realize our inheritance from God. We must dwell in God and draw from the formless realm of Divine Ideas the qualities necessary for our perfect expression. We thus raise mind and body to Christ perfection. He ceases to argue about God who has found God within. Relying upon that calm strength which is not the strength of self, he *lives* God, manifesting in his daily life the highest goodness, which is Eternal Life. Say to yourself, "I will live in my Ideal now; I will manifest my Ideal now; I will be my Ideal now; and all that tempts me away from my Ideal I will not listen to; I will listen only to the voice of my Ideal." Thus resolving and thus doing, you shall not depart from the highest, and shall eternally manifest the true. Tomorrow is too late for anything. Thou shalt not rise by grieving over the irremediable past, but by remedying the present.

Knowing the Divine Heart within, all hearts are known, and the thoughts of all men become his who has become the master of his own thoughts; therefore the good man does not defend himself, but molds the minds of others to his own likeness. Let a man choose the higher and abandon the lower; he shall then establish himself as an overcomer, and shall realize perfect freedom.

The twelve thought centers of the body are:

Faith (Peter), in center of brain, pineal gland.

Discrimination (James), pit of stomach.

Love (John), back of heart, solar plexus.

Strength (Andrew), small of back.

Power (Philip), root of tongue.

Imagination (Bartholomew), between the eyes.

Understanding (Thomas), front brain.

Will (Matthew), center front brain.

Order (James, son of Alphæus), navel.

Dissipation or Elimination (Thaddeus), lower part of back.

Zeal (Simon the Canaanite), back of head.

Appropriation or Life Conserver (Judas), generative function.

The disciples gathered in the upper room, which symbolizes the concentration of our forces by the lifting of the thoughts to the Spirituality center at the top of the head. Jesus went up into a mountain to pray, and also assembled his disciples in the "upper chamber" for prayer.

Death is the absence of the Life Idea in consciousness. The idea of death is mortal and born of ignorance. To be done away with, it must be denied right back into nothingness. In the perfection and wholeness of Divine Life there is no place for belief in decay and death, and by conforming to Divine Law we do not die, but by the power of the transforming Word, we change from error and death to righteousness and life. The consciousness of the Spirit of Life, pure and omnipresent and eternal, keeps every cell alive with quickening life and we are resurrected. The Christ man goes through the various centers and rebuilds them with his Word. The abiding consciousness of Life fills every cell of the body with quickening life and it becomes immortal.

The true method of prayer is to put ourselves in right relation to God, that is, the relation of the Son; retire within, merge the conscious with the superconscious, then pray believing that ye have received, and ye shall receive. Our thinking should be made in the Christ Mind. With the superconscious there is only the Eternal Now, and the ful-

fillment is of the instant with the demand; it is already in Divine Mind. Man makes first conscious unity with God at the Spirituality center, near the top of the head, which spot the phrenologists long ago termed reverence.

Praise liberates love, good-will, recognition of blissful things. It is an unmistakable aid to man. It is creative. We need praise to harmonize us with all that is good, and to make us receptive to the Divine gifts, which are ours even before we ask. The object of praise is to awaken in ourselves a higher realization of the omnipresence and power of God. Prayer and praise change man, not God. Man is stimulated to greater activity and strength through praise and prayer. Praising God is thanksgiving and brings increase. Praise is the outer expression of an inner joy. Real joy is born of an understanding that all the affairs of our lives are under law and order; that man has power on earth to forgive sins.

In the thirty-third Psalm we learn that God is to be praised for his goodness, for his power, for his abundance, for his justice and mercy. "Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright." The last seven Psalms are full of praise: "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord." "Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God" (Psalm 50:23). Praise as a concomitant to the overcomer's life is shown in Proverbs 27:21: "As the fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise." David showed his loyalty by praising God seven times a day with the result that he found great peace (Psalm 119:164, 165). "I will pray with the spirit and I will pray with the understanding also" (I Cor. 14:15). "Pray without ceasing. Rejoice evermore. In everything give thanks; quench not the Spirit" (I Thess. 5:16 to 19).

The mind lays hold of an invisible thought-substance and creates through praise. Our bodies respond to praise, each cell being roused to Divine accord and the body grows into a state of joyous well-being. In a similar way the com-

monest things may be transformed into the pattern of our ideals. The earth is not different than we, for the same obedience to the same command to praise causes the earth to yield her increase. The law of increase is praise. Flowers grow better for those who love them than they do for those who are ignorant of the law.

People enslave themselves by depending upon practitioners to help them, or solve mysteries for them; knowing that we are free, by our word we can create any desired condition, according to the Law: "As your word is, so shall it be unto you." It is unwise to seek light and help from spiritualistic mediums and fortune-tellers, astrologers and the like. But through *faith* in the mystic, or medium, or the intricate horoscope, or whatever else we hold up to our mental view, their predictions sometimes come to pass. Remember, man is the architect of his own fortune. This law of thought will bring to pass what man believes in and expects. If he has faith in what has been told him by mediums and fortune-tellers, he brings it to pass himself by his faith.

The true way for man to bring good to himself is to apply the Law of Praise to himself, the real Self, the Christ principle, and talk abundance, talk prosperity, talk success, talk peace, power and plenty for all. All power is given me in my heaven and in my earth. We must serve the Lord with joyfulness and gladness of heart.

The source of joy is within each one of us. By attuning our thoughts with those of the Universal Mind we enter into the joy of Spirit. Real happiness comes through the Christ-consciousness and not from without; that is why people seek it in vain when they seek in the external. You are formed for happiness, purity, wisdom, love, plenty, joy and peace—these are the eternal realities of the kingdom, and they are yours, but you cannot possess them in sin; they have no part in the realm of darkness. They belong to the "Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world," the Light of spotless Love. They are the heritage of the holy Christ-Child, who shall come to birth in your soul

when you are ready to divest yourself of all your impurities and superfluities. They are your real Self.

All around us, and permeating all things, is something finer than the atmosphere called Universal Ether. It is the spiritual manifestation of an energizing Divine Idea-Substance. We may appropriate this Substance as often as we wish, for the supply is inexhaustible, and it is convertible into the thing we most desire, by our word, the law of prayer and praise.

Man can make practical application of the law of Praise at all times by saying and believing with thanksgiving: "I am Love; I am Strength; I am wise; I am abundantly supplied; all that the Father hath is mine," and we must know also that with the praise is the increase for ourselves, for our possessions, for the earth. "Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God shall bless us." We are sowing the seed when we say *I Am.*

It is not God's will for man to suffer in any way. God is too pure to behold iniquity or any suffering. He is Love and he is perfection in all things.

All causation is in Mind. Mind works in the realm of Ideas which we may approach by raising ourselves in consciousness to that plane, in the Secret Place of the Most High. Our faculties will then be acting under a spiritual law. We must pray believing that we are heard, because in Spirit every demand or request is instantly granted.

The following lines, attributed to a Quaker, are apropos:

Never judge nor condemn, never arraign nor censure.
Not a word!
Never an unclean or unkind expression.
Never a doubt or a fear.
Never a disparaging remark of another.
As you would others should do to the world, so do ye.
Pause! Be still!
Not a word, emphatically, not even a look, that will mar the sweet serenity of soul.
Know God. Keep silence before him.

Not a word of murmuring or complaining in supplication;
not a word of nagging or persuading.
Let language be simple, gentle, quiet; you utter not a word,
but give Him opportunity to speak.
Hearken to hear His voice.
This is the way to honor and to know Him.
Not a word—not the last word.
Listen to obey. Words make trouble.
Be still.
This is the voice of the Spirit.
Take no thought for tomorrow—worry not about home,
church, or business cares.
Cast all on Him, and *not a word.*

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Explain: "Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." —John 9:3.

Jesus discerned, in this instance, that the blindness of the man was not due to some sin he or his parents had committed, but was the result of leaving undone the works of God. When the ideals implanted in man from the beginning are not expressed, man is in a state of blindness. This man had not come into the Light of understanding himself to be a spiritual being, and the result was darkness, even to the extent of being physically blind. Through the realization of Truth as the only Power, Jesus quickened the consciousness of this unseeing man, thus manifesting in him the wholeness, freedom and harmony of God, or the "works of God." * * * * *

Is not the text, "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise," a good foundation for the universal belief in heaven?

There is really no reason for believing Paradise to be anything else than a state of harmony existing in Mind. In no place in the scriptures is it given definite location except when Jesus, talking to the Pharisees, said, "The kingdom of God is within you." Naturally where God is, there is heaven. All the false ideas concerning Jesus' departure into

a location called heaven, have grown out of the race's failure to think in spiritual understanding. Jesus raised his body to the same plane of consciousness as his mind, through quickening it with spiritual truths, and entered into Paradise when he demonstrated the unity of his soul and body with the Spirit within him. There were no longer any thieves in his consciousness to rob him of complete redemption. At the crucifixion, which is but the crossing out of all material concepts, he recognized his victory, though he had not yet demonstrated it.

In the Light of Truth, we can see no connection between the text and a heaven attained by dying, which we suppose is the "universal belief" referred to. However this belief is becoming more and more to be recognized as a delusion and a snare. Heaven is not a matter of dying, but living in harmony with Divine laws and demonstrating the unity of our spirit, soul and body, thus overcoming and setting at naught every mortal limitation, as Jesus did.

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How may one lay hold of God as Substance?

Substance is a quality of Being just as distinct as Life, Love and Power though not so universally recognized. It is omnipresent, and all the visible world has come forth from this underlying quality of God. Substance is Spirit, and so cannot be seen with the eye of sight, but can be handled by the spiritual vision and molded and shaped into form through the word and thought.

In bringing Substance into manifestation, first in faith believe that it is. Then begin to quicken your consciousness of it through affirming:

God is the Substance of all the good I desire.

I have faith in this Substance as the Source of all my supply.

I praise and give thanks that I am *conscious* of the Substance of God manifesting in me and my affairs.

I am meek and receptive to the inflow of Divine Substance.

My mind is quickened to the consciousness of abundance and I praise God for this freedom.

Praise and thanksgiving brings increase. Bless your money, your pocket book, your business. Build up through thanksgiving a consciousness of God as omnipresent Substance, sufficient always to meet your every need. It will come into manifestation as increased health, satisfaction, wealth and every desired good. Keep the channel open, through which substance is equalized, by being obedient to the spiritual law of giving and receiving. Put the emphasis on the giving, and let both giving and receiving be done in the same spirit of joy and thanksgiving. When we can give in the same state of mind as we receive, we have imbibed the spirit of the law, "Freely ye have received, freely give," and can rest assured of its unfailing activity in all our affairs.

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Distinguish between the following terms: Christ, Jesus and Jesus Christ; Son of God and Son of Man.

Before there could be a man, there must have been an idea of man. This idea had its origin in Divine Mind, and is the Christ. Christ is the One Man Idea, unified with God, and perfect as the Father is perfect. All that we find in God, we find in Christ, or the Divine Idea Man.

Jesus is the expression of the Christ Idea, or the Divine Idea Man identified in Substance. The name Jesus stands for the Universal Man, and is identified with Christ, instead of personality.

Jesus Christ is the *manifestation* of the Divine Idea Man; the Perfect Man Idea demonstrated, brought forth into visibility.

For comparison, Man is Mind. This Mind has ideas which correspond to the Christ Idea in Divine Mind. The expression of these ideas, or their identification in Substance, corresponds to the term Jesus. The bringing forth of ideas into visible form would be the demonstration, and corresponds to the term, Jesus Christ. The ideas of man however, are identified with personality, while ideas of Divine Mind have their birth in Spirit. In Man is concentrated all

the potential qualities of God, and these were brought forth in perfection by one man, who was crowned Jesus Christ or Christ Jesus. He conformed to and demonstrated Divine principles and proved man to be a Spiritual Being.

The Son of God is the Perfect Idea Man in Divine Mind, or the Christ, while the Son of Man is the manifestation of the Idea in the flesh. Jesus spoke often of himself as the Christ, and through attaching his mind to the Son of God consciousness, demonstrated his perfection.

A PRAYER

EVELYN FENTON

Heart of the tender—All-enfolding One,
Pulsing thy song within thy only son,
Singing thy joy in whirling planets free,
Worlds upon worlds—the mighty mystery!

Nothing to thee is large, and naught is small,
For all is thine, and thou art *all* in *all;*
Oh, wondrous Heart, that flings at every throb,
The joy transmuting sorrow and the sob.

Oh, mighty Helper—Father of us all,
Thou who dost hear thy lowliest children call,
Open the inner ear of one who stands
Meekly submissive to thy clear commands.

Our eyes are sometimes dimmed, oh Father dear,
By human heartache and the unshed tear;
But—we are thine!—and lifting up our eyes,
We see thy promise blazoned in the skies.

So pour we out to thee—a grander praise,
Ope wide the organ and the music plays
And swells the anthem *higher, higher* still
When human destiny and human will,
Merge in a song of Life and Love Divine,
An angel's heritage—and yours—and mine!

SUNDAY LESSONS

Sunday, March 25

ABUNDANCE IN MIND SUBSTANCE.—Mark 8:11-26.

11. And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, trying him.

12. And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek a sign? Verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

13. And he left them, and again entering into the boat departed to the other side.

14. And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than one loaf.

15. And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod.

16. And they reasoned one with another, saying, We have no bread.

17. And Jesus perceiving it saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? do ye not yet perceive, neither understand? have ye your heart hardened?

18. Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?

19. When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

20. And when the seven among the four thousand, how many basketfuls of broken pieces took ye up? And they say unto him, Seven.

21. And he said unto them, Do ye not yet understand?

22. And they come unto Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man, and beseech him to touch him.

23. And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, Seest thou aught?

24. And he looked up, and said, I see men; for I behold them as trees, walking.

25. Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he looked stedfastly, and was restored, and saw all things clearly.

26. And he sent him away to his home, saying, Do not even enter into the village.

SILENT PRAYER: *I am the Light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life.*—John 8:12.

Like all genuine teachers of Truth, Jesus tried to get the attention of his people away from material things, in order that they might realize the spiritual. He refused to display his power like a necromancer or juggler. He was a teacher of the science of mind, which he could demonstrate at the opportune moment. When they saw not more than one loaf of bread, he told them to beware of the limited thoughts (leaven) of the Pharisees and of Herod. When we confine the Divine Law to the customary avenues of expression, and scoff at anything beyond, we are letting the leaven of the Pharisees work in us. When we allow the finer forces of the body go to fulfill lust and appetite, we are letting the leaven of Herod work to our undoing. When the mind is raised up through affirmations of God's omnipresent substance and life, we are not only fed, but there is a surplus. This is the teaching of Jesus, and it has always been exemplified by his faithful followers. It is not the outward demonstration that counts, but the increase of substance in mind and body that always follows the faithful application of the law.

There are Pharisees at every turn, tempting believers to do some great thing, like the healing instantly of some well known case in their community, to the end that everybody may believe. Such people are usually sincere in their claims that some such marvelous work will prove a sign to the unbelieving of the power of the Spirit. But every experienced healer knows the futility of such methods to convince people of Truth. Truth has entrance to the mind through the understanding, and not from any outward sign.

The healing of the blind man, beginning with verse 22, seems to have no connection with the first part of the lesson, but it has. Blind eyes represent blind understanding, and the treatment spiritually interpreted will quicken darkened minds. "He took the blind man by the hand and brought him out of the village." Segregate your

thought from everyday associations. To the evil minded the act of spitting upon another is an expression of contempt, but to the spiritually minded it is the very reverse. The saliva of a Christ-man can be transmuted into a free energy by the mind that will melt away the scum called cataract. Repeated treatments are often necessary because of the density of the thought of darkness and inability to understand.

The Christ-mind, or superconsciousness, exists in all people; the difference between a Christ-man and a natural man is in development. It is really a very easy matter to realize this higher principle if one gives it the proper attention. There must be a daily withdrawal from the common trend of thought. The mind must be lifted up by use of spiritual thoughts and words. Prayer and praise should form part of the daily exercise. The time thus spent will bring great returns, so great that all comparisons are odious. "What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world, and lose his own life?"

Sunday, April 1

FASTING AND PRAYER THE FINAL REMEDY.—Mark 9:14-29.

14. And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude about them, and scribes questioning with them.

15. And straightway all the multitude, amazed, and running to him saluted him.

17. And one of the multitude answered him, Teacher, I brought unto thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit;

18. And wheresoever it taketh him, it dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able.

19. And he answereth them and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him unto me.

20. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

21. And he asked his father, How long time is it since this hath come unto him? And he said, From a child.

22. And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the

waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us.

23. And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst! All things are possible to him that believeth.

24. Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

25. And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.

26. And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out: and the boy became as one dead; insomuch that the more part said, He is dead.

27. But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose.

28. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, How is it that we could not cast it out?

29. And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.

SILENT PRAYER: *All things are possible to him that believeth.*

Christians lay special emphasis on the command, "Follow Jesus." Yet throughout his teaching Jesus gave examples of healing, the direct result of which was the casting out of evil in some of its many forms. These were demonstrations of the law which he taught, and his disciples, and all who set forth his doctrine, were expected to show by similar works that they were in possession of a truth that had demonstrable power. "These signs shall follow them that believe." What must he think of the thousands of Christians who claim to be interpreters of his doctrine but who have no faith whatever in spiritual healing? They tell us that their only hope of salvation is in him, yet they cannot heal a simple headache through faith. "O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you?"

Jesus set forth the power of faith as a demonstrable principle with an assurance greater even than Newton in his Principia. Jesus not only laid down the working law, but he also gave examples of its application, and reprimanded his disciples when they failed to get the lessons in healing

which he repeatedly gave them. Yet we are gravely told by his accepted teachers that he worked "miracles" when he healed the sick, and that this power is no longer necessary because we now have the New Testament. But he thundered, "*All things are possible to him that believeth!*"

Jesus expects all his followers, both teachers and laymen, to do the works that he did in casting out evil states of mind. Do you carry the signs? Are you bringing forth the fruits? If not, why not? You may be like those weak disciples who could not cast the dumb spirit out because they lacked spiritual faith. "O faithless generation!"

When a follower of Jesus finds that he does not possess faith equal to the work of casting out demons and healing the sick, he should at once go to God in prayer.

"The prayer of *faith* shall save the sick." Somebody must have a living faith in the mighty power of Spirit before the sense ego will give up its hold on the struggling soul. The father was the Faith Center in this case and his earnestness opened the door to a mighty inflow of Spirit dominion. Then the resisting false ego obeys the word of the Master Mind and his authority is supreme.

This kind of healing is being done by modern followers of Jesus and they are casting out these demons by thousands. They often have to be cast out again and again, because they come back until the mind is fortified in its spiritual understanding and faith. There is no record that this boy did not again have trouble with the false ego. This is a record of the first treatment. There was fasting and praying to be done before the final victory was won.

"This kind can come out by nothing save by prayer." "When thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in secret shall recompense thee." The "inner chamber" here mentioned is the holy place within every soul, where the Spirit of God meets secretly the spirit of man. Metaphysicians call this entry into the secret chamber of the consciousness, "going into the Silence." "Whosoever will may enter in."

Sunday, April 8

THE RECEPTIVITY OF THE HUMBLE MIND.—Matt. 18:1-14.

1. In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?

2. And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them,

3. And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me:

6. But whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

7. Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh!

8. And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.

9. And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the hell of fire.

10. See that ye despise not one of these little ones: for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

12. How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and seek that which goeth astray?

13. And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which have not gone astray.

14. Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

Silent Prayer: *I am humble and obedient to the will of God.*

The kingdom of heaven is a condition in which Divine Mind supplies ideals for all the thoughts of man's

mind. The greatest in this kingdom is he who is most receptive to these Divine ideas. Innocent confidence and trust is a necessary element in this state of mind. Suspicion or distrust closes the door to the full inflow of heavenly ideas.

"Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." Mortal man's idea of the kingdom of heaven is a government where the officers and rulers are patterned after the kingdoms of earth. But the kingdom of God is of a very different character. Instead of being rulers, the greatest in that kingdom are servants. This is the teaching of Jesus. The humble, childlike spirit is necessary to those who desire to enter the presence of Divine Mind.

Christ is the servant of humanity. He humbled himself and became the least among men that he might save them from the works of their ignorance. Whoever turns from the pride and arrogance of mortality and accepts the childlike spirit is receiving Christ.

It is a dangerous thing to kill out innocent, childlike thoughts. It is better to be very negative, to go to the very depths of the sea of mortality rather than cause a single spiritual thought of childlike receptivity to be obstructed in consciousness.

Eliminate ruthlessly external impediments to spiritual progress. Even though it be a thing as necessary as the hand or the eye, if it stands in the way of higher things, cut it out and enter into spirituality at any cost. Some people are very eager to know all about the higher law—they study occultism, spiritualism and mesmerism for the purpose of gaining power, and at the same time satisfying a certain human curiosity. This is the eye that should be plucked out. This lust for knowledge and power blunts the sweet innocence of the little child within, and often leads to sins that have to be atoned for in the purifying fires of the soul.

It is the will of Divine Mind that all that makes up human consciousness shall be raised to the heavenly degree —that not even one of these little ones should perish.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

FORGIVENESS.—Matt. 18:15-35.

15. And if thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.

16. But if he hear thee not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three every word may be established.

17. And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the church: and if he refuse to hear the church also, let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican.

18. Verily I say unto you, What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

19. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father who is in heaven.

20. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21. Then came Peter and said to him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times?

22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but until seventy times seven.

23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would make a reckoning with his servants.

24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, that owed him ten thousand talents.

25. But forasmuch as he had not wherewith to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

27. And the lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.

28. But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred shillings: and he laid hold on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay what thou owest.

29. So his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee.

30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due.

31. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

32. Then his lord called him unto him, and saith to him, Thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debts, because thou besoughtest me:

33. Shouldest not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on thee?

34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due.

35. So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

SILENT PRAYER: *I forgive and I know that I am forgiven.*

The measure of forgiveness in God is unlimited, according to this teaching of Jesus, and right here, if not in many other places, he puts a negative upon everlasting punishment.

God is here illustrated as the king, whose servant owed him ten thousand talents (about $20,000,000), which, when he could not pay, he was fully forgiven the whole debt. Yet that same servant had an account of a hundred pence ($16) against a fellow-servant, whom he took by the throat when he could not pay, and finally had him cast into prison. When this was reported to the Lord, he had the unjust servant brought to him, and called down upon him the law until he should pay the fabulous sum which he owed.

Thus is shown the relation of man to his fellow-man and the Principle of Being. We live in and think through a universal ether that is more sensitive to our thought vibrations than the most finely-keyed musical instrument to the vibrations of sound. This is the translucent substance of the "kingdom of the heaven," and it records every emotion, every thought, every word sent out by us. A feeling or thought of anger, or revenge, or injury of any kind toward another, sets awhirl with violent discord this Mother Substance, this White Shekinah, and the beautiful forms which is constantly pushing out from the center of Being are broken and distorted. It is here that man incurs the great debt to Mother Nature of "ten thousand talents," and which he can never pay through his own effort; yet the Wisdom and Love attributes of Being may be called into expression by man, and through their smoothing and har-

monizing power all this turmoil be reduced to order. Thus the great debt which man owes is paid by God.

But this Wisdom and Love of God can never make conjunction with the Mother Substance, the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of this mortal world, until the mind of man is like unto the mind of God. Then here comes in that most vital lesson of forgiving offenses to the uttermost in order that you may be God-like and bring down this kingdom of the heavens unto the earth. The measure of the wrong or injury done you by another should not be taken into consideration. The Jews thought it God-like to forgive seven times, but Jesus said "seventy times seven," which implies unlimited forgiveness.

THE ALL-BEHOLDING I

The height, the deity of man is, to be self-sustained, to need no gift, no foreign force. Society is good when it does not violate me; but best when it is likest to solitude. Everything real is self-existent. Everything divine shares the self-existence of Deity. All that you call the world is the shadow of that substance which you are, the perpetual creation of the powers of thought, of those that are dependent and of those that are independent of your will. Do not cumber yourself with fruitless pains to mend and remedy remote effects; let the soul be erect, and all things will go well. You think me the child of my circumstances. I make my own circumstances. Let any thought or motive of mine be different from what they are, the difference will transform my condition and economy. I—this thought which is called I—is the mold into which the world is poured like melted wax. The mold is invisible, but the world betrays the shape of the mold. You call it the power of circumstance, but it is the power of me. Am I in harmony with myself? My position will seem to you just and commanding. Am I vicious and insane? My fortunes will seem to you obscure and descending. As I am so shall I associate, and so shall I act; Cæsar's history will point out

Cæsar. Jesus acted so, because he thought so. I do not wish to overlook or gainsay any reality; I say, I make my circumstance: but if you ask me, whence am I? I feel like other men my relation to that Fact which cannot be spoken, or defined, nor even thought, but which exists and will exist. —*Emerson.*

THE SON OF MAN REALIZATION

Think!

You do the thinking!

Who are *you?*

Are you your body—your word—your thought—your feeling?

These merely belong to you, proceed from you.

You stand behind them all. You are *you*—master.

You are *I Am*—spirit itself.

You are that spirit which *possesses* feelings, thoughts, words, form.

These are but your expression—your tools.

You send them forth to *reveal you.*

You *bid* them. They *obey.*

You *command.* They *receive* command.

You are *positive.* They are *negative.*

Do you realize that everything you express must be *negative* to you?

Feelings, thoughts, words and form must be negative to you. You are the *power.*

You are *all* power—nothing but power.

The you of you is power itself.

There is no weakness in *you.*

Why do you fear, tremble, hesitate?

Come to yourself. *Center* yourself. Take command.

Be yourself. Use yourself.

Say "*Let there be*"—then *watch!*

Remember, feelings, thoughts, words, form, obey *you.*

What shall be. Whatever you *say.*

Command—then *watch!—The Comforter.*

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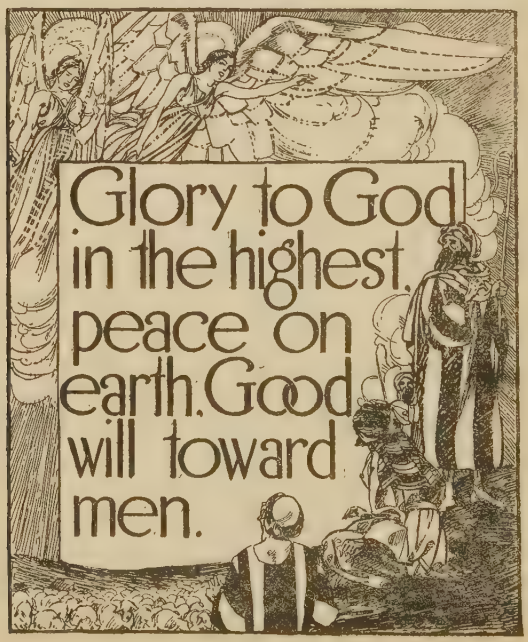
THOUGHTS FOR DAILY MEDITATION

The following are the texts to be used by the Silent Unity workers at Kansas City, Missouri, in their 10 a. m. Silence, from March 17th to April 15th, 1917.

March 17th to April 1st—Isaiah 55:10-11: "For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater: so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it."

April 1st to April 15th—John 6:39-40: "And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life."



EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS

Written to Students and Patients by the Society of Silent Unity.

Letter after letter comes to us telling that the writers had been helped just as soon as they mailed their letters to us, or sent their telegram. In many instances they are healed instantly, sometimes before their letter can reach us, sometimes before we can mail a letter back to them. Why is this, you ask? It is simply because that just as soon as a request is sent out into the Universal, it is answered, and it depends upon the receptivity of those requesting as to when they will be able to receive what is, in Truth, already theirs. It also depends upon the state of consciousness of the one who is administering to another. Jesus was able to overcome all previous conditions and thoughts in the people he ministered unto, because at that time he had attained the at-one-ment with the Father, the source of All-Power. Understand that the records tell us of the time he spent, and the work he did *after* he had nearly reached perfection, and up to the time the perfect union with All-Power was made; and we have no record of what he did and did not do before he began his life and work as told in the gospels.

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In all Bible records of instances of healing done by Jesus, much emphasis is given to the faith, either of the one healed, or some one closely associated with him. And so in our work, we have found that there must be a receiving faith on the part of the one for whom our prayers are made, or some one near him, who will co-operate with us in a special interest and loving faith.

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You need a clearer realization of the power of thought, for "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." This is a law. "Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer." "Whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart." "With

what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." "Be ye not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever [thought] a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

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In all the records of Jesus' ministry, not once did he look to any law in the outer for help and protection. He taught and demonstrated the All-sufficiency of Spirit. The same Spirit is with you at the present time, and since it is All-sufficient, we see no need of asking the help of some person, or outer man-made law, in order that you may be healed and prospered. The important point for you to consider is where you are placing your faith, for "According to your faith be it unto you" is the law.

An instance, so similar to your own that we feel led to call your special attention to it, is given in the Bible. When Paul was held in bonds for his preaching, he appealed to Cæsar for his freedom. When examined before Festus and Agrippa, they found no fault with him, and Agrippa said unto Festus, "This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Cæsar." But he had set the Cæsar law into action and, having placed himself under its dominion, he had to meet the consequences.

Two laws seem to be in force in the world at this time, just as there appeared to be in Paul's time; one the law of Spirit, the other the law of man, the Cæsar law. Until one places himself wholly under the spiritual law, he must render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's. As we are endeavoring in all ways to follow the teaching of Jesus Christ, it would not be consistent for us to ask the aid of the man-made law.

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Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews was written for the purpose of overcoming their favoritism for the old law. He explained that religion did not come out of the laws and customs, but that the laws and customs came out of the popular concepts of religion, and as these concepts had changed very materially, it naturally necessitated a change

in the laws. He gave as a foundation for his reasoning, the fact that our Lord sprang out of Juda; of which tribe no mention was made by Moses and the laws.

The priests had been named and given their respective stations as assistants to Moses; the people under the old law believing it necessary to have a mediator, through which to offer up sacrifices for their sins. But Paul explained that Jesus did away with all this form and custom, and brought in an entirely new form of priesthood. The first four verses of the seventh chapter of Hebrews is given over to the explanation of the true character of the priesthood, as taught by Jesus Christ.

As recorded in verse two, Melchisedec means righteousness, and Salem means peace. Abraham is that spiritual Self; which is the "image and likeness" within each individual. This true Self is the priest, referred to by Paul. It is "without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life; but made like unto the Son of God; abideth a priest continually." because it is Spirit—Eternal.

The law of this new order of priest is like that of Melchisedec; righteousness, and this brings peace. "And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever." Paul emphasized the fact that when one is following the teaching of Jesus Christ, he will no longer be bound by outer forms and customs.

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Will you tell me the meaning of I Corinthians 12, last verse? "But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way." God is now, is he not, and always ready to forgive?

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In Paul's Epistles to the Corinthians, he explained church organization, social practices, holy observances, doctrinal affairs, etc.; telling how each member filled a place, befitting his ability. But he also taught the Divine Law back of all those manifestations, and it is that Law, to which he referred as the "more excellent way."

Man is born in the image and likeness of God. He is

therefore in his True Self perfect even as God is perfect. Each individual is expressing his "gifts" (peace, health and abundance), just to the extent that he realizes his relationship with the Father, and through that realization brings his True Self into manifestation. These "gifts" are all right as far as they go, but the "more excellent way" is the demonstration of the absolute perfection of God. "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear [when we demonstrate the Absolute], we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is." "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." This "more excellent way" is made possible to us through the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ, who first demonstrated Sonship and revealed to us our Divine birthright.

In your true, Spiritual Self, you are not now and never were, anything else but pure and perfect. If you do not recognize and acknowledge this True Self, you are resisting the Spirit, and we are told in the Bible that resistance of the Spirit is the Adversary, and the only unpardonable sin.

Your prayers do not cause God to change his Mind about you, but serve to put you in right relation to his Law. To forgive means to give for, or let go. When you pray to the Father, "Forgive us our debts, or trespasses [sins], as we forgive," you are asking God to do exactly what you are doing. If you are not forgiving (letting go) of the sin (any inharmony you are praying to be relieved and freed from), you are asking God to hold on to it in the same way you are doing. This shows how "Man has power on earth to forgive sins;" that is, if he will let go of the thought of sin and hold steadfastly to the Truth, the sin will be forgiven him. Jesus explained this upon several occasions, saying, "Thy sins be forgiven thee, go thy way and sin no more."

I, grateful, take the good I find; the best of now and here.—*Whittier.*

LITTLE LETTERS FROM THE FAITHFUL

This department is in fulfillment of the promise of Jesus Christ, "These signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."—Mark 16:17, 18.

Everything in the Universe is subject to *law* and *order*, and when man recognizes and conforms to governing principles, harmony comes naturally into expression. All the works that Jesus did were under the *law*. This *law* is not a man-made proposition, but has its origin in *Divine Mind*, or *God*. We "live, move and have our being" in this all-inclusive Principle, so it is not difficult, when we understand how to set into operation *Divine Law*, to get harmonious results.

The *Divine Law* is set into operation by the power of the *Word*. Every word we speak is a seed sown in the soil of Mind, and brings forth according to the idea contained in the word. If your words are founded in spiritual substance, if they are constructive, you are speaking into expression the good fruit. Knowing this, we cannot afford, even in the face of the appearance of discord, to give our substance of thought to that which we do not wish to manifest in our body or affairs. Meet every suggestion of evil with a quiet denial of its presence or power, and affirm that "God is Good and the one Omnipresent Principle." Always follow your denial with an affirmation. Apply this principle of thought not only to your own erring consciousness, but to the consciousness of the race as well. As long as we believe others can suffer, that suffering in some degree will work out in our own consciousness. The God-idea must be unearthed in every manifestation, for God is the

only power. Man's wrong use of this power is the cause of all inharmony.

The members of Silent Unity study the *Divine Law*, have faith in it, and through the power of the spoken *Word* bring into the lives of many the harmony and wholeness designed by a loving Father, as the natural heritage of his offspring. The Divine Helper meets every need of man in the whole field of human experience, as is evidenced by the following extracts from letters received recently:

HEALTH

East Lynn, Mass.—Six months ago I wrote for prayers for an abdominal trouble of thirty years' standing. I had consulted many physicians, but without any relief. I made no report to you, because for a long time I could see no benefit from the prayers. But finally on two different occasions, I was relieved for a week at a time, though the pain and discomfort returned. About six weeks ago it disappeared altogether, and I am very happy. I know that it is the understanding of Truth as taught by Unity that has enabled me to make this demonstration. So all thanks and much gratitude are due you.—*Mrs. I. S. D.*

Cushing, Okla.—Last fall I wrote you asking prayers for my husband who is troubled each year with hay fever; a few days afterwards, he was entirely free from all the trouble, while others around were suffering more than usual. We both thank God, not only for the wonderful cure, cure, but for all of his wonderful goodness and blessings.—*Mrs. J. G.*

San Jose, Cal.—I have a letter from Mrs. H. H. M. in which she writes: "I am so glad I can write you that our physician and X-ray specialist both tell us that I am absolutely and entirely cured of tuberculosis. The loving prayers of friends and the love and care of the Father have entirely restored my health. I am indeed thankful."—*A. L.*

Columbus, Ohio—I wrote you for prayers for my eyes. I can see to do anything now. The Truth hath made me whole, and has given me wonderful strength. The Lord has healed my stomach also. I can eat anything I want. (I eat no meat.) I have not taken a cathartic for a year, and while I give constant thanks to God, Unity comes next, for your prayers have done me so much good. I have learned to trust God, and I feel that you are strong

in the Lord, and the power of his might. You have done wonders in my finances. Before I appealed to you there were times I did not know what to do, but this summer when the need came, I had money to meet it. My husband had some work too that he was able to do. God has planned so nicely for us.—*A. C. R.*

Fort Sam Houston, Texas—As soon as my letter asking prayers for my mother reached you, the headache ceased. I am so thankful.—*Mrs. H. H. B.*

Lansing, Mich.—You may discontinue prayers for my husband. His ear is well, and I thank you most heartily. I continually praise God for his goodness. I am inclosing a love-offering, and I am speaking a good word for your UNITY magazine whenever I have an opportunity.—*Mrs. G. F. E.*

Joplin, Mo.—You may discontinue your prayers for my finger as it is now well. While the surgeon repeatedly said I would lose a part of my finger, I am glad to say through the power of the Word it is absolutely restored.—*W. Z. A.*

Hamilton, Ohio—I was indeed cheered and encouraged when I received your good letter in response to my request for prayers on account of injury from an accident. I had begun to improve before receiving your letter, knowing that you were helping me even though I did not receive the written word. I am now entirely recovered. The affirmation you sent me contained *living* words—"The Spirit of him that raised up Jesus quickens my body, strengthening it, vitalizing it, and restoring it to its perfect wholeness." Blessings unlimited on Unity.—*H. L. P.*

St. Louis, Mo.—I have improved wonderfully. The boil or growth I mentioned in last month's letter has entirely disappeared.—*Mrs. E. R.*

Torrington, Wyo.—My mother wishes to thank you for your prayers. The trouble was called paralysis of the eyes. At one time she could not see at all, but now she can see to read the big letters in a newspaper. With gratitude to you and God.—*Mrs. R. S. W.*

Duluth, Minn.—Sometime ago I telegraphed you for healing for my wife, who was ill with pneumonia. I am glad to say that within about two hours after sending the message, a marked improvement in her condition set in, which continued until she was completely well. It was a remarkable demonstration of the power of God to bring health and harmony. I am thankful.—*J. A. C.*

Gilroy, Cal.—Yours with a *Weekly Unity* article on appendicitis, was duly and most gratefully received. As I read the article the Spirit impressed me with its truth, but I was better before your letter arrived, and have had no discomfort since, for which I am truly thankful. Praise God! —*Mrs. E. G. O.*

Detroit, Mich.—About three weeks ago I felt the symptoms of a cold and recollections of old bronchial troubles rose up and frightened me. I began to know the Truth about it and warded off the attack, but was conscious of the enemy following close at my heels. I must have been off guard, for a little later I developed a very sore throat in an hour. Then I treated for three hours steady, when suddenly I was relieved and I have suffered none of the feeling that usually followed a similar attack. To Him be all praise and thanksgiving.—*E. M. T.*

Kansas City, Mo.—Several weeks ago I was injured in a street car accident. Friends have called you, asking you to pray for me. Yesterday my condition was seemingly quite alarming. I called you for prayers, and began to improve almost immediately, and this morning I am decidedly better. I have much to be thankful for.—*M. R. G.*

Clinton, Iowa—Please accept this little offering for the love and gratitude we feel for the manifestation of the perfect body of little D., who had a very severe claim of internal injuries from a fall. I am entirely healed of a bad cancer on my shoulder which had once been removed by plaster, also of heart trouble. Oh! that all might know this Truth that makes us free.—*Mrs. L. V. F.*

Glen Rock, N. J.—When I wrote and asked your prayers for my son some months ago he was in very poor health, having heart trouble so bad he would fall in the street; also bad lungs, in fact was a physical wreck. Now he is down on the border and was able to lead his regiment in from a hundred and ten mile hike and says he is feeling fine. I am sure it was God's work through Unity.—*F. M.*

Jonesboro, Ark.—I am glad to report that my sight is beautifully and wonderfully improved. Isn't God wonderful? Five years ago today I was paralyzed on the entire left side and totally blind; today I have overcome the paralysis, have almost overcome the blindness and am well and able to do for myself. My work here is Christian Healing. I now give my whole life to the work. God bless your ministry.—*Mrs. M. G. S.*

Basin, Wyo.—You will not need to pray any more

for the blood poison in my finger, as it is completely healed; not a scar left, and no soreness in the finger. I am so thankful to Unity for your prayers.—*M. E. H.*

Pope Valley, Cal.—I telegraphed you for prayers for my mother's knee for dislocation, and for broken ligaments. She was healed, for which we can never be too thankful to God or too grateful to you. The doctor wanted to operate, but we are so thankful that it did not have to be done as her knee is perfect, and she has no pain whatever.—*Mrs. S.*

Albuquerque, N. M.—The kidney trouble of which I wrote you in my last letter has entirely disappeared. God be praised.—*M. W. A.*

Chicago, Ill.—After addressing you several weeks ago concerning my ailments, I was healed about the time the letter reached you. I have been so that I could not eat anything because of stomach trouble. I am grateful to you and to the Almighty for the help that I have received. —*L. B.*

Algood, Tenn.—Some days ago I appealed to you for prayers. At that time my lungs pained me terribly, and I felt that my cold would develop into pneumonia. As I turned to come out of the post office after mailing the letter, I felt a sudden feeling of relief come over me. The pain left me, and I seemed to be walking on air, I felt so exhilarated. I then said to myself that God's goodness was manifested in me and I was healed—and I was. Stranger yet, however, on receiving a letter from home I learned that the manifestation had extended to my wife hundreds of miles away, and my request for financial help for her had been answered. I am thankful to you for your prayers and that I have been made to realize that God's goodness and mercy is open to me, and that he is my All-Providing Father.—*W. H. A.*

Bisbee, Ariz.—My baby was entirely well of scarlet fever in two days after writing you, and I am so thankful. —*Mrs. D. L. M.*

Delano, Cal.—A short time ago I requested your prayers for my son who had been injured. I also wrote him of my letter to you, telling him to put his trust in God. The two doctors that examined him told him he would have to be operated on. He was taken to the hospital Tuesday, expecting to be operated on Thursday morning. When he awoke Wednesday morning, he was healed, and he told the doctors so. Both examined him and could find no trace of the injury, and let him go home. He immediately went

to work, and we are saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."—*Mrs. M. H.*

Seattle, Wash.—I fell and fractured my left arm just above the wrist. It seemed to pain me dreadfully for a while. I used Truth statements and sent you a prayer for help, and in less than twenty-four hours it was so much better; the pain was nearly gone, and it has improved ever since. I have broken my right arm twice and had a doctor both times, but have never had the wonderful, quick healing I had with this one. I had no doctor. I bandaged it myself. I praise God for his love and his wonderful goodness. I thank him, and you for the teachings of UNITY. My granddaughter of whom I wrote you is coming home from school, and is doing much better in every way. We are more prosperous than we have been in a long time, and for this we are sincerely grateful.—*M. E. J.*

San Antonio, Texas—I have been confined to my bed with that so-called "dango" fever, but I have recovered without any human power and help. Everyone is surprised at my having that sickness in as aggravated form as I did, and then take no medicine. I tell the story with joy of how I overcame through your prayers.—*K. P.*

Brockton, Mass.—I was very ill with a high fever and grippe symptoms. I thought of writing to you. Then the thought came to me, "Why not try and do something yourself, as UNITY has tried hard to show you the way." So I went to myself and was "still" awhile, and read the directions in that wonderful book, "Christian Healing." After a little while I felt better, and then got entirely well before the day was gone. I had headaches also for months, but since asking your prayers they are entirely gone.—*M. E. N.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—I am so glad that I received an answer to my prayer for the healing of my daughter's eyes. I know it was through the teaching of dear Unity's faith in the healing Word.—*Mrs. F. E. B. S.*

Albert Lea, Minn.—Some time ago I asked your prayers. The pain in my stomach has disappeared, and I am feeling in perfect health again. Also my throat and voice are in perfect condition. My concert was a great success, not so much financially as artistically, which is the main thing after all. God bless you and be with you in your glorious work.—*M. B.*

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Your letter to us with instructions is received, and we have spoken the Word with you. In less than ten days Mr. C. was made a new man. His was

a very bad case of piles, and my letter had no more than reached you when he was feeling better, and he has since rapidly improved.—*Mrs. C.*

Shelton, Neb.—I am writing to thank you for your prayers to the All-Good Father, who is always ready to hear and take care of us all in our time of trial. My son is fast recovering, and is able to sit up most of the day, and the friend for whom I asked your prayers is able to take care of her little son. She had blood poisoning, but her life was spared.—*Mrs. M. G. L.*

Mountain Home, Ark.—Language is inadequate to express my thanks for the improvement in my health, also for the light and knowledge that I have received through reading Truth literature and trusting God. Three months ago I wrote you for prayers for cancer on my face. Now it is all gone but a small scar. My heart is full of thanks and I am rejoicing.—*Mrs. M. J. H.*

Denver, Colo.—I wish to tell you how God answered our prayers. An abscess gathered on the uterus, and it broke without my realizing it. I have told my experience, and some of my friends are quite enthused. I thank God for his goodness. May we all be willing to help one another as you are at present doing.—*Mrs. C. H.*

Lockhart, Texas—Last week a friend was reported to have typhoid fever. I could not go to see him, but wrote him that I was asking for your prayers. Before I got the letter written, I heard that the fever had left entirely. Since then he has improved rapidly, and is now able to be up. We thank God for his great goodness, and can think of no better way to express our thanks than by helping in a cause that spreads his goodness abroad. Enclosed is a thank offering.—*L. B.*

Detroit, Mich.—The cold is better, and my throat and nose are clearer than they have been in years. Last night I went swimming and when I went to dry my hair the fan was out of order, and I had to come home with it wet. But the minute I knew, I repeated the affirmation you gave me, "I am strong, positive, fearless, free Spirit, and I am poised in the power and dominion of the Christ Mind." It was just what I needed. As you may know, nothing but good resulted from the experience. The Truth you teach is so splendid. I am just being awakened to my wonderful inheritance of mastery. We are not servants, we are sons.—*A. H.*

San Diego, Cal.—I write to tell you how thankful we

are for the healing of the pain in my jaw, which had been constant for about four months. The dental surgeon tried to rush me into an operation, but I have been healed within a week after receiving your instructions. We are very thankful to God and to the Society for its healing mission. —*Mrs. L. H. P.*

Tacoma, Wash.—I wrote you that I had a form of hip disease which bothered me about two years, and now I am delighted to write you that the trouble has gone. I know that God will bless you all, and I thank you most heartily. —*Mrs. M. F.*

Vancouver, B. C.—Through your prayers my boy was healed of nervousness and irritability. He was so nervous that he would not go from one room to the other in the dark, nor would he go any distance from home, unless I was with him. Now he goes all over the city alone, and even stays all alone in the house in the evening, and is not in the least fretful or disturbed.—*Mrs. G. A. M.*

New Orleans, La.—My heart is full of thankfulness to you, and praise to the Great Physician for healing my father. I sent you a telegram, for the doctor took my father down to the hospital and pronounced his pain severe appendicitis. They spoke of an operation, but he was able to leave the hospital in a week without using the knife. It is most wonderful.—*B. C.*

Boston, Mass.—I have been helped by learning of this beautiful teaching through the visits of the *Weekly Unity*. I cannot say enough in its behalf. I was given up by the doctor as a hopeless case from cancer, but now I am gaining constantly, and know that I shall be daily renewed in strength and power.—*L. M. G.*

Philadelphia, Pa.—I want to thank you for the help you have been to me in the last three years. Previous to that I was an invalid of years standing, but gradually I have come to see the Light through your prayers and the Light is banishing all ills and cares and trials like the shadows they are.—*G. M. H.*

Grass Valley, Cal.—We feel, as never before, that God is our supply and that where God is there can be no lack of substance, and we rejoice in the knowledge of his Presence and Power. God has fully restored me to health, from tuberculosis of five years' standing; at the very crisis, he showed me the way, and the "joy of the Lord is my strength." It would be impossible to pay you for all the deep interest you have manifested in us, and in our friends.

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However, we shall gladly and freely give of our substance. —*C. and G. W.*

Seattle, Wash.—Today I went over everything most carefully and was instantaneously healed of adverse thinking, and my problem is solved. God is good, and God bless you for so lovingly showing me the sin that I was unconsciously committing every day. My little daughter is much improved and went to school today. She had been very inattentive to her school work, but her report card shows much improvement.—*L. C.*

Pukwana, S. D.—What a faint idea of Jesus' teaching we have until we sound its depths. Praise his name, the cloud of darkness is slowly rising and I can see my Savior and feel the new life from within.—*Miss S. A.*

PROSPERITY

Detroit, Mich.—I had no vacation for two years, mainly because I did not have the money for it. My wife and I planned a holiday about Christmas time, but late in November I began to think we might have to give it up for want of money, but I recognized that was a wrong thought to hold. I spoke to my employer about getting off and he willingly consented, and a few days later advised me of his intention to finance my trip as his Christmas gift. About two months before he gave me a raise of salary, and another one the first of the year. We feel abundantly blessed.—*E. M. T.*

Bigan, Texas—I feel grateful for the joy and comfort of knowing that the Spirit is always with me and that I am really God's child. My disposition has changed so much. I do not speak so harshly as I once did. My husband is prospering. So often he comes in and tells me of money collected that he had given up getting, and I secretly thank God and Unity for it, for I know why and where the money comes from.—*Mrs. T. H.*

Mystic, Conn.—You can imagine my joy at being able to write to you the good news that I have at last the evidence of prosperity.—*E. F.*

East Providence, R. I.—As my daughter neared her home she noticed her wrist bag was opened, and a roll of bills gone. It was growing dark, and a high wind was blowing, so it seemed as though a search would be in vain. However, she brought the children home to me, and started out over the same road to look for the money. Meanwhile I placed that roll of bills in the keeping of Infinite Love and

Wisdom, holding the thought that her own would come to her. The first person she met was the newsboy, and he said he had found the money. All praise to God who cares for his children.—*C. H.*

Hinsdale, Mass.—I have had many demonstrations of prosperity, but the one I have prayed for most has come to pass. For a long time I have wished to change our residence; the house was too small for my growing girls and boys, and I did want so much to have a house a little out of the village. We have moved into just such a place as I have so earnestly longed for; moreover we have all improvements and a large orchard. So you see God gave me good measure, pressed down, and running over. I cannot say enough for the comfort I have found in Truth, also the Unity literature.—*E. R. B.*

Berkeley, Cal.—I am bubbling over with happiness. Prosperity has come to me and my husband in many ways. His sales have been larger the last month than any previous month.—*Mrs. J. A. P.*

Oklahoma City, Okla.—I sent you a telegram on Sunday asking for your prayers, as I had lost my position. On Tuesday I received an offer of a position, and am still holding it. I also received all the back salary that was due me from the former position. I have had so many expressions of God's care and love since I first wrote you. One day I went to the office without money for my lunch, and I held to my principle all morning, and before noon a gentleman came in and gave me some extra work and paid fifty cents for it. I could enumerate a number of other instances of like character.—*A. D.*

Washington, D. C.—I want to tell you what wonderful success the boy N. R. has had in school. You may remember giving him prayers for working his way through school this last fall. He had never played football before in his life, and they gave him the second most responsible position on the team. And now that the season is over, he stands highest of anybody in Southern Ohio and Kentucky in any college or school, also well in his studies. The fearless power of the Spirit has certainly been with him.—*E. W. R.*

S. Amboy, N. J.—I want to tell you of a financial demonstration I have had since coming into the realization that "All that the Father hath is mine." For a long time my husband has given me a stated allowance each month. I had $3.00 left, with several obligations to meet in Novem-

ber. I unexpectedly found that the diamond in my engagement ring was loose and took it to a jeweler expecting to have the prongs tightened, costing 50 or 75 cents. The jeweler proved to me that my ring was too worn to re-set, and a new ring would cost $5.00. Not seeing the money in sight I took my ring home, but had no sooner reached there than I chided myself for lack of faith and next day returned and ordered the diamond set in the new ring and other repair work done amounting to $5.65. In a few days I telephoned for the ring and the bill, although I knew it must be paid at once, and I had no visible money. The next day a junk man offered me $5.00 for a fur-coat I was wearing around the yard. I had never dreamed of trying to sell the coat and had never sold a thing to a junk man in my life. I took the $5.00 to the jeweler who said he would allow 65 cents for the gold in my old ring which had worn too thin to be worth more. I give thanks for the wonderful demonstration.—*H. M. V. P.*

Memphis, Tenn.—My husband had just gone into a new business, and being just at Christmas, the time was against him doing any business. Knowing this, I wrote you for prayers and you answered and sent me the booklet, "God's Hand." In the same mail was a letter from my husband's new company, enclosing a check, and saying it was for our Christmas, knowing just then that business would be dull, etc. We never expected money from this company before my husband had done any business, but to see "God's Hand," in one letter, and this unexpected money in the other, it certainly touched us, and made us see where all our help came from. Also I want to thank you for your prayers for my husband's freedom. He has not drunk anything intoxicating since I wrote you several months ago. —*Mrs. F. W.*

Westcliffe, Colo.—I wrote you last month for prayers for my business, and general health; also for the sale of some property. One piece of property that I had in a defunct mining town, and that I thought was of no value, has been rented since your letter came. I am better in every way than I have been for over three years, and I know it is all due to UNITY. I am reading and studying "Christian Healing," and have been doing a little praying for some friends of mine both for prosperity and health, and have seen good results. I know God is all there is, and I feel every day that "I and the Father are one."—*Mrs. R. S. B.*

Windsor, Vt.—Before you received my letter asking

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prayers for prosperity, and since then I have received orders and made sales of my work, and have handed over to the man who assists me, some of the work which I cannot do myself in the holiday rush. Recently a newspaper correspondent, who writes for many of the New York and Boston papers, visited us where we are working, and wished to write us up, which of course is a splendid advertisement for us. I am truly better satisfied with things as they are than I have been for a long time, or perhaps ever. Thank you for the spirit which you inspire.—*K. K. L.*

Valleyford, Wash.—I am healed of nervousness, and we have been helped in a financial way. It has been rather slow coming, but marvelous things have taken place. I cannot be thankful enough that God has such an instrument as Unity to reach people's hearts and strengthen their faith, as such demonstrations as we have had shown us cannot help doing. I really know that God through Christ can heal anything.—*Mrs. O. M. S.*

Richmond, Va.—I have known about Unity for nine years, my mother being a member. I had heard so much in our class of Unity's help, so when it seemed that Mr. D. would never get work, I would write to you, but after I wrote the letter I would not send it. One night I made up my mind to send it, and sent it out immediately. The very next morning before you could have received the letter, Mr. D. had a place with one of the best grocery stores in Richmond.—*Mrs. C. D.*

Chicago, Ill.—Two days after receiving your letter, I was called on a case and earned $30., which enabled me to pay up back rent and provided for my present needs. My supply is coming all the time through the Inexhaustible Resource.—*Miss E. M. B.*

Appleton, Wis.—I want to tell you that we have been prospered in many ways. My husband had a present of a few hundred dollars and I am getting along nicely. Thanks be to Divine Love working through Unity and other channels. By obedience to Divine Law everything is coming out right.—*Mrs. C. H. S.*

Pocatello, Idaho—I am holding the thought, "I owe no man anything but love," as you suggested, and already we are beginning to prosper. It is a new idea to me, for I had held the other thought so long.—*Mrs. H. P. T.*

Los Angeles, Cal.—I wish to tell you of a wonderful answer that came after repeating for about four days a sentence I saw in UNITY for prosperity: "I pour into you

(purse) the bounty of God my Father who supplieth all my needs." To my surprise two checks for $50.00 each came from a most unexpected source, and it has wonderfully increased my faith in the power of understanding prayer. —*Mrs. M. C. R.*

Louisville, Ky.—Soon after asking prayers of you I was transferred to a better position with an increase in salary of $10.00 per month. I am thankful indeed for God's bounty to me and deeply appreciate your kind help. —*H. H. M.*

Lyons, Iowa—I asked prosperity prayers for my husband, and it surely did come to us. Five weeks ago he began work, and has been doing fine. Today he had an interview with his manager, who informed him of his good work, and that he stood good with the company as long as he wishes to stay, and his salary will increase.—*Mrs. C. B.*

Columbus, Ohio—At the time I wrote you I was so depressed I did not know what to turn to next. Since then my people have helped me and I have had plenty. I have an offer for my California ranch to trade for property here which will soon be completed. I feel so thankful to God for his abundant supply.—*Mrs. M. L. P.*

Grand Haven, Mich.—Since becoming a Unity member my family and self have enjoyed good health and prosperity. I do not worry about my financial affairs as I once did. I thank God and Unity for the abundance I have in provisions. My wife has improved in health and I am so thankful.—*D. V.*

Bend, Ore.—I wrote you, asking prayers for my husband. He is now working. He had not been able to do a day's work in over ten months. I am so thankful to the loving Father who cares for all of our needs. How I wish I could pay you according to what your prayers have done for us.—*Mrs. R. B. V.*

"BE YE TRANSFORMED"

Santa Monica, Cal.—You have helped me so much and so often, and awakened my consciousness to the Allness of Good, Omnipresent, Omnipotent, All-Harmonious Mind of Christ. You have opened my heart to receive him, and I have received health and peace and love (His Love) and I am learning now to receive prosperity. My whole life is changing. My whole manner of living, thinking and acting is becoming one with him, the principle of All-Good. I can now let go of things since I have him—just as a child lets go

of its little wooden letters and numbers and notes when its mind awakens to the principle of the alphabet, mathematics and music. God bless you.—*J. A. B.*

Atlanta, Ga.—I wish I knew how, out of a full heart, to express my thanks to the Father and my gratitude to you, his messengers of Truth, for the vast treasure-house of God into which you have led me. I feel that I am gaining knowledge and strength every day. I am gradually learning to control my tongue and my thoughts. My children play more harmoniously, and the general atmosphere of the home seems sweeter. Divine Order is working. For all God's blessings I give thanks.—*Mrs. W. O. G.*

Oak Park, Ill.—I wrote you, asking your prayers for harmony to be restored in our flats. Before my letter could have reached you I felt better. Both parties have been just lovely to me ever since, and I am very happy about it.—*E. S.*

St. Louis, Mo.—I can never tell you the wonderful blessings that have come to me since taking UNITY. Each day and hour I feel and see and know my Father better. Sunshine has come into my life that is dearer than precious gems. My home life has so improved that I feel like a bird, so happy and free. I have let others read UNITY, and they feel so grateful too.—*Mrs. C. J.*

Winfield, Iowa—I have been blessed and healed through your ministrations and through the wonderful words of Truth in UNITY Magazine. I go into the Silence daily. I want to tell everyone of this great plan of God that so few have heretofore understood. I have no fear now that things will go wrong. I trust God for everything, and prosperity is being sent to me as I need it. I cannot be thankful enough for finding out about the Unity Society, for through this means I found the Light of Truth.—*Mrs. I. E. D.*

Spokane, Wash.—I thank you deeply for your prayers, your interest, your true words, and the leaflet on prayer which you sent me. God has heard you. My husband is so changed. He came home and has been so different to us all ever since.—*Mrs. H. L.*

Boston, Mass.—I am writing to tell you how well things are going at the High School. The head of the Department seems all right, and I hold that thought about her all the time. The results in my work are perfect. I never taught as well in my life. I am surprised, and other teachers marvel at my work. I am happier than I have been in years.—*C. D. R.*

Erie, Colo.—I feel as if I had been born again. Have taken no medicine of any kind since I asked for your prayers. I never knew the real joy of living before. With the return of health and strength I will soon be able to work and earn my living once more.—*Mrs. A. E. S.*

Malvern, Ark.—I am glad to tell you my husband and I are feeling much better and we are so happy. We never thought we would ever be well again. After trying every remedy we heard of and all failing, we learned the Truth and soon found relief.—*Mrs. C. E. P.*

Grand Ledge, Mich.—I am singing praises to God. I cannot express to you how thankful I am. My health was never better. All things seem so changed in my mind. I am getting a plainer understanding every day by using the Law of Truth. Many of my friends are becoming interested.—*Mrs. F. G. L.*

Las Cruces, N. M.—I am most grateful to you for the help you have given me. The good I have received at your hand is incalculable. It has just been four years since I first heard of you; I do not think I lived before that time. I just groped. Life has been so different. May God's richest blessings be your daily food.—*N. P.*

New York, N. Y.—You helped me marvelously both mentally and financially about four years ago. So much so that I have related it many, many times, and I believe I have given strength to others. My life is entirely different since knowing you as my friends and learning the Truth.—*E. M. G.*

New York City—You dear friends, God, my Heavenly Father, UNITY and "Christian Healing," by Charles Fillmore, have helped me out of my delusions, and my health and happiness is unlimited. No more thoughts of ending my life. No more worry about not having enough bread. My faith is strong in the great love of my Heavenly Father. I never really lived before. I have now peace of mind, good health and plenty of work. People remark what a wonderful change there is in me. To some I tell about Silent Unity, but to others I do not explain. I would not be without a Prosperity Bank any more.—*Mrs. E. C.*

FREEDOM

Kansas City, Mo.—I have written you before in regard to my health and my husband's drinking. I can truthfully say I know the Father heard our prayers as I am practically well, and my husband has not touched whisky

for six months. He has a good position. He has gained over thirty pounds. I thank you for your prayers, and I thank our Father each day for all blessings.—*Mrs. J. C.*

Omaha, Neb.—The reports that I get from home are that my father is free. He does not go to town to drink, nor does he send for any liquor when others go. He is doing just fine. I thank God for this wonderful help.—*E. H.*

San Francisco, Cal.—It is with a heart full of joy and gratitude, and thankfulness to God that I write to tell you of the wonderful demonstration that has been made in my brother's affairs, through the Truth. My brother also wishes to extend his thanks. By referring to my letters, you will see that I asked for your cooperation, that my brother should have Divine Adjustment and Divine Justice in his affairs. I have affirmed with full belief in my heart, that Christ's freedom was his, and that he was free to walk anywhere. Just one year and two days was he held in bondage, when the doors opened for him, with full restoration to complete citizenship, and the attorneys in two states said it could not be done under three years at the least; but they had forgotten that "with God all things are possible." This letter but feebly tells of this great demonstration, for there were material conditions connected with the case that, in my old ways of thinking, I would have said also that it was impossible for this to be done. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.—*D. D. S.*

Austin, Texas—You will be glad to hear of the freedom of my friend's husband for whom you were praying for freedom from the drink habit. He now says, "No one could read UNITY and not become better."—*L. D.*

Austin, Texas—Last summer I wrote you briefly in regard to drinking. For several months after that letter, matters seemed worse than ever, and I honestly anticipated no results from my letter, which I wrote more as an experiment than anything else. But, for some time now, I have felt no inclination to take a drink, and almost every day I am given one or more opportunities of declining the invitation. This pernicious habit of over twenty-five years' standing is at last broken.—*D. T. B.*

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Some time ago my husband's mother wrote to you for prayers for my husband. I am so thankful for the change the prayers have made in him. He does not seem like the same man. He says he has not the least desire for drink of any kind, and he cannot understand it, but is as happy over it as I am.—*Mrs. C. B.*

Oakland, Cal.—Many inharmonies that once were very disagreeable have passed away. I praise God for my freedom. This afternoon I was in a crowd and suddenly it flashed through my mind that I was loving everyone I looked at. I used to hate crowds because they "took my strength," as the saying goes, but needless to say, this crowd did not.—*Miss S. T.*

Canton, Ohio—All desire for drink is gone, and my husband is certainly a new being, for he realized what was coming and now has only desire for good. He has taken intense interest in business and everything is like it used to be. Thank God and you, he is free from the old habits and desires. Truly, God's ways are wonderful, and all things are possible through Christ. I do not have that terrible fear any more, and am recovering from the worry and uncertainty of what my husband will do. I can even feel thankful for all we have gone through, for it has brought us closer to God and shown to us that "He will never leave us or forsake us." My husband and I read our lesson every morning, and get our lesson from *Weekly Unity* for the day, and we find it a great benefit all day long. We both feel that God is directing our affairs. Words cannot express our gratitude and love to God, and to you, dear Unity, for this wonderful help.—*Mrs. W. H. C.*

Lewistown, Mont.—Through your ministrations my son was liberated from prison, and is now doing well. The Lord bless you and make his face to shine upon you, and may you be prospered abundantly in all that you think and do, in your beautiful work for humanity.—*Mrs. A. J. H.*

Ampere, E. O. N. J.—You have helped my son who was troubled with the drink habit. His whole nature is changed.—*E. B.*

Pueblo, Colo.—When I first commenced reading UNITY I was almost a nervous wreck. I imagined I had not a friend in the world. Every time I went any place, I would come home heart-broken, feeling that I was slighted by everyone I met. It seemed that there was nothing in this world for me but worry. I cried almost day and night. But after reading a UNITY that a friend persuaded me to read, darkness turned to light, and now I can go in any company, converse with anyone, and meet everybody with a smile. And why? Because all this worry was from my own thoughts. I am so thankful to God and UNITY for what it has done for me and my home. God is with us and he is All-powerful.—*Mrs. D. B. S.*

North Warren, Pa.—About four weeks ago I asked your prayers for freedom from the coffee and tobacco habit and wish to say that I am now free.—*E. J. A.*

Salt Lake City, Utah—My husband does not smoke any more. I had not noticed it until I set some rose plants down, and told him to fumigate the plants when he smoked. He said, "I do not smoke any more." I am so thankful to you, and I thank God every day for many blessings.—*Mrs. L. H. J.*

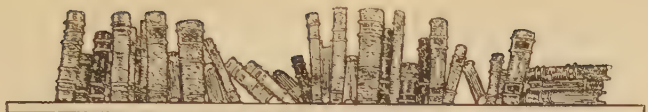
Lewiston, Maine—I feel that I must praise God for the wonderful good that has come to my children. Through your prayers my own health is good. My soldier boy is better, and last week he made us a visit. My two daughters are much improved in health. Today I had a letter from my boy who has been insane for years. The letter was entirely rational; he had not been able to write for a long time. I am so thankful. I praise the Lord, and you dear people for your prayers in our behalf. Those that are addicted to strong drink are improving, and I thank the Father. —*Mrs. M. C. G.*

A $500 OFFER

John Garson, a UNITY reader, wrote an article entitled, "Practical Christianity" for the *Shreveport Times.* It was answered by the Rev. Claud L. Jones, of that city and ends with this offer:

"We wish to repeat that we believe that in raising this vital issue which concerns every human being, Mr. Garson has done the public a distinct service. If, as a result of this investigation, he or anyone else should be able to find incontrovertible proof that any miracle has been performed anywhere in the world, since the days of the apostles, it would undoubtedly be a discovery which would mean much to the cause of truth and humanity, and if the writer could borrow the money from his friend, Mr. Garson, he would not be afraid to offer $500 for such proof. Meanwhile, we shall watch the investigation and the production of evidence with great interest."

We suggest that every reader of UNITY who has been healed write to Rev. Claud L. Jones, Shreveport, Louisiana, giving him the facts of the case. It will help to strengthen his faith in the Living God, and if your healing data is conclusive he may send you that $500. (The Garson article was reprinted in *Weekly Unity* of March 3, 1917.)



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GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN

We have not felt that the time was ripe to make an open declaration of peace, until now the Spirit says, "Let the Word of Peace go forth."

Unity people the world round are declaring peace and good will among all men. The mental forces that made for war are near their end, and our word of peace will help to bring about final adjustment of the minds of all men in Divine Love and Wisdom. "*And there shall be no more war.*"

A FINANCIAL REPORT

Our friends have responded generously to our call for a sustaining fund to meet the high price of paper. The total of the amounts received from many sources would not balance the extra outlay, but the law has been more than fulfilled in an increased income from subscriptions. So instead of having a hard time in paying our bills we have had right the opposite, the fact being that we never paid our accounts so promptly as we have during the big advance in the price of paper.

Last year at this time our monthly paper account ran from $700 to $900, while now it is seldom less than $1800. This is but one item of advance in supplies; everything we use has gone up in like proportion and it will cost us at least $25,000 more to carry on our work this year than it did last.

So we have cause to be thankful for the sustaining power of the Lord in this anticipated stress. We knew that the supply to meet the demand would be forthcoming, but the ease with which it has been accomplished has been surprising.

To you, dear friends, we give thanks for holding up our hands, not only with the temporal symbol of financial plenty, but also the whole-hearted blessings which you have

sent so abundantly. The silent and written words of God's Bounty have made our demonstration easy and we are truly grateful for all that you have done.

To the friends whom we have not been able to answer by letter, because they did not give their names, we here make our acknowledgment. The Lord blesses and prospers you according to our word, which has never yet been returned to us void. The following neat epistle was accompanied by a draft for $100:

San Francisco , 2nd .February 1917.

Charles Filmore Esq.

KANSAS CITY.Mo.

Dear Sir ,

You wrote in a recent article that in spite of the considerable advance in the cost of paper you would not increase the price of your Magazine.I find the same beautiful Spirit in all your actions and activities and I want to show my outward appreciation by enclosing herewith a contribution.-GOD continues to bless your work and that of all your helpers.

A LOVER OF TRUTH.

A COMPLETE CROSS INDEX

A complete index of UNITY for six months, including July, August, September, October, November and December, 1916 has just been published.

This index is arranged so that an article or poem can easily be found if one of the three following things is known: The subject, the author's name, or the substance of the article. Articles are also grouped under departments.

Those who are keeping back numbers of UNITY for reference or study will find this index of great help. It is of the proper size and style for binding in with the six copies.

This complete Cross Index will be mailed to any address for 5 cents.

Unity School of Christianity, 917 Tracy Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri.

THE UNITY METAPHYSICAL BIBLE DICTIONARY

Answer to Correspondent by the Author, R. C. Douglass,

"In the introduction of the Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, the name Eliezer is written in this way:

1+30+10+70+7+200 equals 318

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Please explain why the second "e" is omitted. We are interested in understanding this application of numbers."

Your question is a very natural one for an English student, because there might seem to be unfairness in the omission of one letter, as though I were forcing the conclusion.

First, let me say, every language has sounds which have no correspondent in other languages.

Second, it is a peculiarity of the Old Hebrew, that it was a language without vowels—a mystical language; which made it quite necessary for the reader to be an expert in placing vowels, in order to read intelligently. For instance, the name of God—"JHVH," is quite unpronouncable. By adding three vowels we pronounce it "Jehovah," or by inserting two it becomes, "Yahveh," the "J" having the sound of "Y."

In Hebrew "Eliezer" is written, "Aliezer;" but it must be noted, that neither "A" nor "I" nor "E" is a vowel. For "A" is a breathing, as in El—not an open vowel, but corresponding to "e" before a consonant—to us a vowel, but not to them. Likewise the "I" is not a vowel, but has a sound like the English "y." "E" has no corresponding English sound. In explanation, it is represented by "O" broad, as in ought, or by, "aa gutteral." The last "ee" in "Eliezer" is put in by translators to make it correspond to English. The Hebrews themselves pronounce the name, "Elyaazer" or "Elyawzer"—yet it is spelled, Aliezr,—the "e" in question not being there. These six letters sum up "318", as shown in the book.

Thus the mystical interpretation of the number, "318"

is the key to the historical allegory, as presented by the ancient mystical writer, to teach a universal lesson—that the individual, swamped in the slums of sin, will find, when his heart turns in contrition to the Christ (Abraham), that the Christ flies to his rescue, and with his "318 trained servants" delivers him from the carnal-mind bondage. The "318 trained servants, born in Abram's house" are "Eliezer of Damascus"—regenerated Intellect, which performs the task in the name of Abraham. This is perhaps the most remarkable allegory of the Scriptures, and when understood gives a new meaning to the story of Abraham and Lot.

UNITY GOOD WORDS CLUB

Are you cooperating with the Good Words Club? We invite all who wish to uplift and make the world better to join this organization. Never, at any time in the world's history have there been so many uniting for the advancement of the human family. One of the great factors used in gaining this end is the transforming power of the Word. Cooperation with this Club serves a two-fold purpose—it affords individual benefit and it assures the betterment of the race. The club's membership, now numbering 7,000, extends to all parts of the world, and is increasing steadily with an average of two hundred and fifty enrollments a month. Reports from members testify to the wonderful practical results being gained and they are truly an inspiration.

There are no dues nor fees connected with the membership in this club, free-will offerings meeting its support.

The club emblem, symbolizing its principles, is most attractive and distinctive, in the design of the Japanese "Three Wise Monkeys," symbolizing—"I will see no evil," "I will hear no evil," "I will speak no evil."

Membership is made through signing the pledge:

"I believe in the power of the spoken word, and I realize that I am held accountable for even my lightest words. I also believe that there is power in united effort.

Therefore, I desire to become a member of Unity Good Words Club that I may unite in helping others as well as myself to speak only good, true words.

"I agree to guard my conversations against all words of gossip, anxiety, foolishness, impurity, untruthfulness, crime, fear, nagging, complaining, sickness, poverty and anger, and to turn them toward words of trust, wisdom, goodness, health, prosperity, praise, joy and good-will."

If you are interested in making your home, your life and the lives of those about you brighter and happier; if you desire to aid in the progress of humanity as a whole, and fulfill one of the simple teachings of the Great Exemplar in every-day living, write for applications for membership in the Good Words Club, addressing the Central Secretary, 917 Tracy Avenue, Unity Building, Kansas City, Mo.

FOR FOREIGN SUBSCRIBERS

We quite often have requests from subscribers living in Australia, South Africa, and other far distant countries, that the Silent Unity "Class Thought" and "Prosperity Thought" be given in UNITY for one month in advance. In response to such requests we give below the thought that will appear in the April UNITY:

CLASS THOUGHT
April 20 to May 20, 1917
Held daily at 9 p. m.

God's Will in Me is Health and Harmony.

PROSPERITY THOUGHT
April 20 to May 20, 1917
Held daily at 12 m.

God's Will in Me is Righteousness and Riches.

TO FURTHER THE SPIRIT OF UNITY

Many requests for the names of our subscribers in various places are coming to us, the object of the writers being to get acquainted with others of like thought. It is a rule among publishers not to give out the names of subscribers, because people do not wish to be intruded upon. However, those of the same spiritual thought are often strengthened by coming in touch with one another, and for this reason we desire to help make such acquaintances. We will not give the names of our subscribers, but instead will publish the

names of those who have written us for lists. We cannot grant the privilege to everybody, but to those only who we have reason to believe are sincere seekers for Truth. The following would like to meet Unity people in their vicinity:

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beighle, R. 1, Box 76, Bingham Canyon, Utah.

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Please notice the color of the magazine wrapper. A pink one indicates the expiration of your subscription.

A mark around this notice shows that your subscription expired last month. Promptness in renewing will be gladly appreciated.

For the convenience of our subscribers, we would suggest that when the blue mark or pink wrapper is noticed you tear off that part of the wrapper upon which your name and address appears, inclose it with your remittance for renewal and mail it to us. We will understand that it is your renewal.

HELPED BY UNITY LITERATURE

Brooklyn, N. Y.—Your teachings are the most noble, broad-minded, practical, and generous in every way in everything that I have read. I love every line I have ever read of Unity literature.—*Mrs. L. J. C.*

Onondago Valley, N. Y.—I have just re-read Mrs. Cady's "Lessons in Truth," and it was like a long draught of clear, fresh water after having tried to swallow that which was unsettled and unsatisfying.—*Miss H. N. S.*

San Antonia, Texas—It is nearly midnight, but I feel moved to write you. I have wished to write you for a number of days, to report upon my Silent Seventy work, but something has held me back until tonight. I have been giving out the literature as guided by the Spirit. I know it will bear fruit. Those whom I have given it are eager for the Truth. I have just finished reading *Weekly Unity* that came today, and I have received a great deal of help from the article written by Mabel Huntley, "A Truth Student with the Soldiers." It has increased my understanding, and strengthened my faith.—*Mrs. O. C. H.*

Victoria, B. C.—I want you to know that I have been wonderfully helped through your ministry. I do not know what I would have done during this last year if I had not had your magazine UNITY and also *Weekly Unity*, for they have been my greatest comfort, and whenever I felt despondent I used to read one or the other of them, and always found something that helped me.—*N. M. C.*

Valleyford, Wash.—We are realizing a great change in our lives and affairs. My husband at my request, bought "Christian Healing," by Charles Fillmore, for my Christmas present, and we have read it through, but feel that our study has just started. I know of nothing that has appealed to my husband and myself as this book, and we are making it a part of our lives.—*Mrs. O. M. S.*

Oakland, Cal.—Words cannot express how much benefit I am receiving from the book, "Lessons in Truth;" it is just grand, and I can hardly wait to be able to sit down and read it in peace and quietness. When I read a chapter of it I feel like a new person. I am feeling better, and so does my little boy and girl.—*Mrs. C. A.*

Chicago, Ill.—I have not forgotten you and your wonderful Truth. I have received many blessings since I have learned the Truth. I have indeed been set free. I have had less sickness to contend with than ever in my life before, and I am very happy. I have been able to help others by subscribing for the magazine, and I intend to always keep in touch with it.—*D. C.*

Winchester, Tenn.—I cannot tell you of the good I have received from UNITY and from reading Unity literature. I have been greatly benefited and I thank God every day that the magazine ever came my way.—*S. T. T.*

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WEEKLY UNITY

Weekly Unity is a digest of the current metaphysical thought of the day. If you want an epitome of what the advanced schools of spiritual thought are giving, you will find it here. Each issue of it is filled with strong articles that deal with the problems of the daily life. The practical subjects found in *Weekly Unity* will prove helpful to your mind, body and affairs.

The thoughts and ideas of the foremost metaphysical thinkers of the world are reviewed in the columns of *Weekly Unity*. Reports and extracts of lectures also appear in each issue of this paper. *Most of the matter printed in the "Weekly" is in concise form, making the periodical especially valuable to busy people.* Thousands enjoy the paper because, by its frequent visits, it keeps them constantly in the spirit of health, joy and prosperity.

There are several excellent features in *Weekly Unity*, one of which is the Vegetarian department. Health, and mental and spiritual power have been realized by many who have followed the principles that are set forth in the convincing articles of "Veg," the editor of this department. Vegetarianism is true to the principle of life and health. It prevents intemperance, sickness, disease, cruelty and death. Each week "Veg" gives a number of recipes which are valuable in preparing healthful, wholesome dishes without animal flesh. *A humane diet is a great aid to spiritual development.*

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EASTER SUGGESTIONS

"IN CHRIST'S GARDEN"

MARY BREWERTON DE WITT

It is quite appropriate to announce this lovely garden song of the soul now, at the season of the reawakening of earth from her winter sleep. The beautiful message of "In Christ's Garden" is, in a spiritual sense, of the reawakening of the soul, an experience which they enjoy who listen faithfully to the voice of the Spirit within; it is only through spiritual communion that the soul is awakened and glorified in Christ.

The author gives forth her charming book "Unto those who understand, that their realization of the Divine Love may grow the greater, and unto those who do not understand, that their eyes may be opened to perceive and their ears be opened to hear the voice of the Beloved in all Nature. To those who know love, to those who seek love and to those who know not love."

In keeping with the beautiful contents, "In Christ's Garden" is neatly bound in a designed cover that blends harmoniously with the India tint paper of the book. The type is Cheltonian, large and clear. There are fifty pages; size 4½ by 7 inches. This ideal Easter gift is offered at 50 cents. Sent to any address in a dainty handmade envelope, postpaid.

THE STRENGTH OF JOY

JOHN L. CHESNUTT

Charles Fillmore recommends this delightful booklet in these words:

" 'The Strength of Joy' points the way to peace and joy, and makes the path easy to the obedient disciple."

The metrical style in which "The Strength of Joy" has been rendered makes it quite a classic. In spirit and size this late booklet by Mr. Chesnutt is just right for a dainty Easter gift. It is a greeting that one would wish to send a friend to cheer, encourage or strengthen him.

"The Strength of Joy" is especially attractive in its antique cover of Alexandria Japan with title in gold. The printing of the pages appears on creamy paper that harmonizes beautifully with the cover, and envelope which accompanies it.

The price of single copies is 15 cents, but, as many of our readers will want a number of the booklets, we reduce the price to 10 cents when they are ordered in lots of five. These prices include postage and cost of envelopes.

JOY

Jennie H. Croft

This little guide to Joy and Attainment will find many souls eager for the message that it contains. Its truths are welcomed by the hosts of friends who find the author's "The Practice of the Presence" so valuable.

In a clear and forceful style Mrs. Croft presents the fact that the way of highest attainment lies in conscious union with the Source of all that is. It is here that man finds his joy, his peace, and the satisfaction which fades not away.

Bound in delicate Sunburst Cover of ecru, and inclosed in a handmade envelope of the same material, this "Joy" booklet bears a real Easter suggestion. It will be mailed to any address for 20 cents.

TREASURE-BOX

Imelda Octavia Shanklin

A story for children which is full of all the fascination and charm of a fairy story and yet rich with the highest teaching for character building. Miss Shanklin's writings are all virile.

Two maidens, Walin (pronounced Vahlin) and Basha, are looking every day for the coming of a beautiful White Princess bearing wonderful treasures. While living and playing like all normal children, they are storing up ideas and thoughts which are the real treasures of life. Basha doubted and was willful, and failed to do the best

she could. Walin was full of faith and love and service. The Princess came and found Walin ready to go with her, but Basha was left alone on the beach, all forlorn. However, the lesson was good for Basha; she set about making ready to follow after, and finally found her happiness also with the Princess and Walin.

The little book is most artistically gotten up, with numerous pen illustrations and halftones. It is printed in two colors—orange and black. Forty-eight pages. Price 50 cents.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROOM

Mary Brewerton de Witt

In this beautiful folder is found a delightful greeting. Many homes have been blessed by the good words found in this practical prayer. The thoughts in it pertain to the individual, the home and its surroundings. They explain how the atmosphere of the entire home can be completely changed by using certain words. Thoughts of life, health, peace, prosperity, wisdom, joy and many others are given in it, and the reader will find them of great value in his spiritual development.

Artistically printed on antique paper of rich tone and fine texture. Size 4½ by 7 inches. Inclosed in a uniform handmade envelope. Price 25 cents.

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Charles Fillmore

The conception of God's infinite substance and the manner in which one may acquire this substance and bring it into visible manifestation is dealt with in this booklet. Giving is as great a problem as receiving. One must first learn to give, not as charity, but as described in this wonderful little booklet. Artistic cover and envelope. Price 20 cents.

FINDING GOD

Charles Fillmore

In this booklet the abstract concept of God is brought into concrete form. The attributes of God are clearly de-

fined and stated in words easily grasped by the most elemental metaphysical student. Not only is God described, but directions are given for gaining a further expression of his infinite Power, Wisdom, Love and Substance.

Certain spiritual understanding is necessary before it is possible to attain the consciousness wherein we are one with the inspiration of God, and the study of this booklet will help us to gain the fuller realization of our oneness with the Father.

Printed on toned antique paper with artistically designed Antiquarian cover, "Finding God" sells for 20 cents. The booklet is inclosed in a handmade envelope which matches the binding.

WEE WISDOM'S WAY

Myrtle Fillmore

In a form to fittingly carry a beautiful message of life and truth, Mrs. Fillmore's book, "Wee Wisdom's Way," is entering upon its fifth edition.

There are expressions of delight from all who have seen this new, enlarged book. It has the merit to grow more popular than any of the former editions.

The text is handsomely printed in beautiful, clear type, on paper of special finish. The cover design in two colors, with attractive binding, makes the book a charming gift. The illustrations of "Wee Wisdom's Way" are noteworthy features. They are the work of an artist who has felt the power and inspiration of this extraordinary message.

The author has also enhanced the value of the book by a thorough revision and the addition of four chapters which carry the story to a more perfect completion. "Wee Wisdom's Way" is a true story of the effects of Truth's teaching, and should be read by grown folks as well as by children, for it teaches wonderful lessons of healing and faith.

This beautifully written, richly illustrated and well printed book sells for $1.25, postpaid.

TEMPLE TALKS

Charles Fillmore

Temple Talks are addresses delivered by Mr. Fillmore in Unity Auditorium at Kansas City. These "talks" have been chosen from the best of Mr. Fillmore's addresses, and we recommend them to all who are seeking the light of Truth, for they are filled with spiritual wisdom which teaches the true laws of being.

A set of Temple Talks consists of five volumes, all uniform in size and style. The set includes fifty-two addresses, all dealing with problems that daily confront the average man or woman. We are offering a set of these books in artistic paper covers, packed in a neat box, for $1.00. Also a set of the cloth bound, in box, for $3.00. Single copies of any volume, paper cover, 25 cents each; cloth bound, 75 cents each.

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This delightful series which was so popular last year, has come out in a new edition this season to add happiness to those who would know the essential truths of life.

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"The Subconscious Realm of Mind," by J. R. Rude.
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"The Practice of the Presence," by Jennie H. Croft.
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ATTRACTIVE EASTER CARDS

Some very artistic Easter cards have been prepared by us to be sent with gift books, booklets and subscriptions mailed from Unity. At your request we will send these handsomely designed Greetings to the recipients of Easter selections, whether the gifts be magazines or books.

Our artist has drawn two cards; one especially for books and booklets, the other for periodicals. We should love to reproduce the designs on this paper, but they can only be printed on cards of fine texture. The size of these cards is 3 by 4½ inches. They are brought out in colors that harmonize with the tint of the cards, and envelopes in which we mail them.

If you desire to have us mail the cards, please make the request when sending your Easter order. Your name will appear on the card or cards we send for you.

Would you care to have us send you six assorted recent issues of UNITY Magazine? The only charge made for the valuable reading is for the expense of mailing them, which is ten cents. The magazines sent will be ones taken from our surplus files, and will therefore be our choice. If you want the six magazines, send a dime (or ten cents in stamps) and we will mail you an assortment.

If you want a perfectly good cloth bound copy of "Lessons in Truth," and do not want to pay the regular price for the book, order one of the 75-cent editions. The contents of this book is exactly the same as the present $1.00 edition; there is, however, a difference in the type and binding, but this does not matter materially.

He that ruleth his own spirit is greater than he that taketh a city.

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Men and women everywhere are searching for, and will be satisfied with only that which is practical. When the hidden principles of life are discerned by them, they will not accept those principles wholly until their practical values have been discovered. It seems quite necessary to find a working basis for the science of life before mankind will endeavor to apply its laws; in this respect the Unity Prosperity Bank Plan supplies the demand by giving the world a practical lesson in demonstrating the truth and reality of the principles of Prosperity.

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MISCELLANEOUS WRITINGS

By H. Emilie Cady

Author of "Lessons in Truth," etc.

Rarely does one find a volume whose contents have helped humanity as the various articles have that comprise the reading in this important book. Most of the essays contained in "Miscellaneous Writings" have gone through many editions, indicating an unusual demand made by the public. Each chapter in it has passed the final test of merit, which is the test that proves to the reader the value of the book. This, H. Emilie Cady's works have done, for countless numbers today are rejoicing for having heeded the message from the pen of this inspired woman. When faithfully applied, Miss Cady's message results in health, harmony, prosperity and happiness.

Eleven articles of spiritual interest have been selected for this volume of "Miscellaneous Writings." The contents follows:

If Thou Knewest; The Spoken Word; Unadulterated Truth; In His Name; Oneness with God; God's Hand; Trusting and Resting; Neither Do I Condemn Thee; Loose Him and Let Him Go; All Sufficiency in All Things; Finding the Christ in Ourselves.

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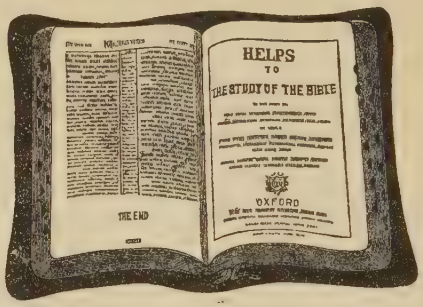

According to special arrangements which we have made with the Oxford Press, we can offer our readers the new Oxford Bible at an exceptionally low price, notwithstanding the increased cost of paper and printing.

This Bible is beautifully and durably bound in Keratol, a vegetable composition that looks very much like leather. It makes an excellent binding; it is stronger than much of the leather used on Bibles. Only an experienced person can tell that the binding is not leather. *No leather or any animal product enters into this Bible or its binding.*

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THE OFFER

We offer this Oxford Bible with a year's subscription to UNITY Magazine for $3.00, sent postpaid.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Should you desire to take advantage of this Bible Offer you may do so by having your subscription extended.

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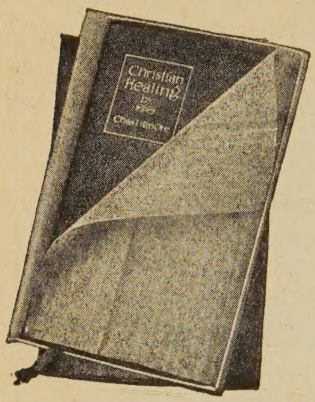
Two Handsome Books

At last you may have, in an exquisite limp edition, "Lessons in Truth" and "Christian Healing" bound in a cover not made from animal skin. Without the use of real leather our book-binders have produced these books in a beautifully grained morocco cover with a soft lining. We must acknowledge that the volumes are handsome; lovers of artistic books have sent hundreds of them to friends as choice gifts.



The binding is not only handsome, but also substantial and durable. Through the tests that it has gone, we are sure it will outlive regular book leather. The flexible cover of these volumes lends much to their beauty and adds greater serviceability to the books.

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The price of "Christian Healing" and "Lessons in Truth" in flexible binding is $2.50 per volume.

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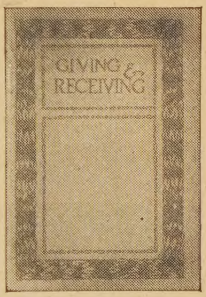
Easter Announcements

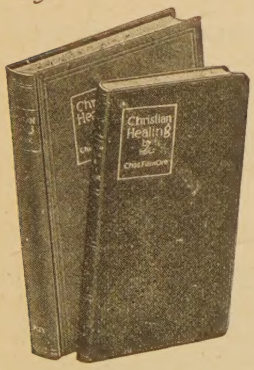
In Christ's Garden

A very charming Easter selection. One of the most appropriate gift books for this season. For description of this book, see page 261.



Giving and Receiving and Finding God

Two very helpful booklets by Charles Fillmore. On page 263 you will find a more complete description of these essays.



Flexible Bindings

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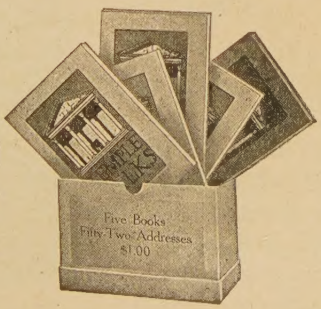
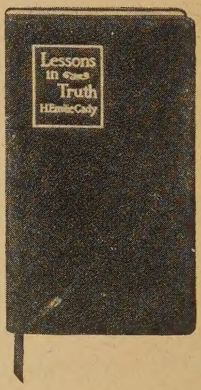


Temple Talks

This series of lectures teaches how the spiritual law in its various phases may be brought into practical use. Read the notice on page 265.

Treasure Box

This book is a little gem of the publishers' art. It makes a delightful gift to boys and girls—particularly girls. Description is found on page 262.



Lessons in Truth

A standard course of lessons in the teaching of Practical Christianity. Contents is given on another page.

Unity Beaux Arts Series

By various authors. A detailed review of this series is given on page 265 of this issue.

Wee Wisdom's Way

Is an exquisite gift book of a de luxe edition of unusual beauty. Richly illustrated and well printed. Read the announcement of it on page 264.

Illustration from "Wee Wisdom's Way"